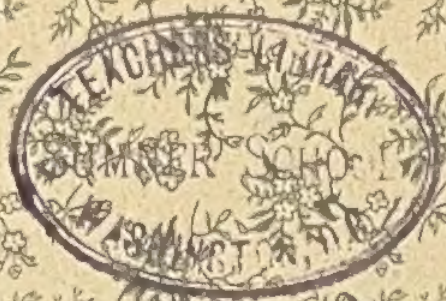
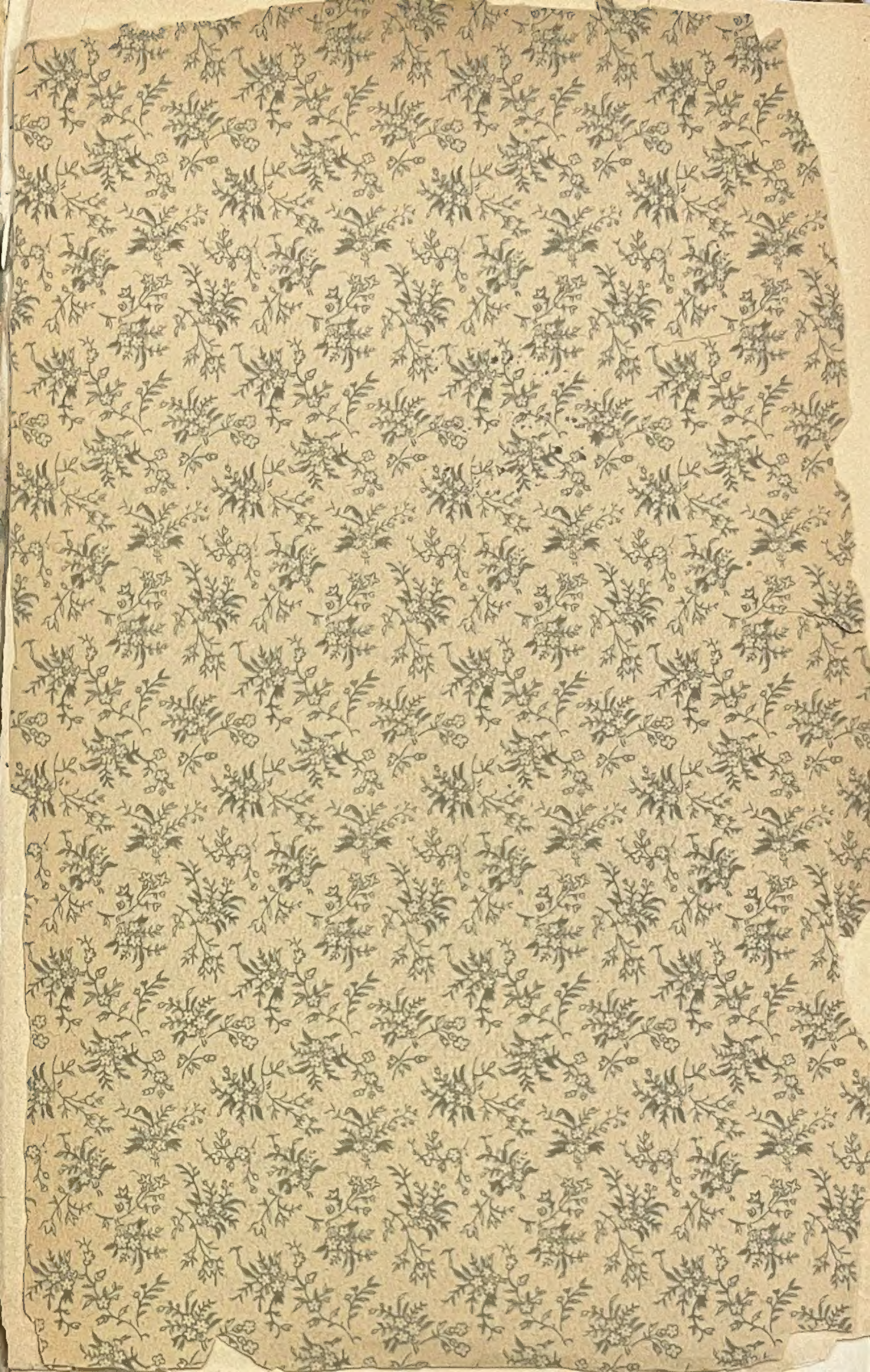




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Last meeting of Washington Board
before consolidation into one D.C. Board
was July 14, 1874. "Abstract of
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MINUTES
OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS
IN AND FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,
FROM AUGUST 10, 1874, TO JULY 8, 1875.

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ORGANIZATION.

FRANKLIN PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDING,
August 10, 1874.

Messrs. George F. McLellan, Edmund F. French, William R. Woodward, George W. Dyer, Benjamin F. Lloyd, Henry Johnson, John H. Brooks, William Perry Ryder, Anthony Hyde, F. W. Moffatt, C. B. Smith, and Solomon G. Brown, gentlemen appointed by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, "Trustees of Public Schools in and for the District of Columbia," being present, Mr. George F. McLellan stated that as his name appeared first on the list of appointments, he would take the liberty to call the meeting to order.

On motion, Mr. W. R. Woodward was elected temporary president, and Mr. Henry Johnson, temporary secretary.

The Chair stated the first business in order would be to permanently organize.

The following order of the Commissioners of the District of Columbia was then read for information:

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,
Washington, August 8, 1874.

Ordered, First. That the three Boards of Trustees of Public Schools, and the Board of Trustees of Schools for Colored Children in the District of Columbia be, and they are hereby, consolidated into one Board of Trustees of Public Schools, consisting of nine residents of Washington, three residents of Georgetown, and three residents of the County of Washington, and the several appointments heretofore made to the respective boards thus consolidated shall be, and hereby are, vacated.

Second. That George F. McLellan, Edmund F. French, William R. Woodward, George W. Dyer, Benjamin F. Lloyd, Frederick Douglass, sr., Henry Johnson, John H. Brooks, and W. Perry Ryder, of the city of Washington; Anthony Hyde, W. W. Curtiss, and F. W. Moffatt, of the city of Georgetown; and C. B. Smith, Prof. J. W. Chickering, jr., and Solomon G. Brown, of the county of Washington, be, and they are hereby, appointed Trustees of Public Schools in and for the District of Columbia.

On motion, it was resolved to proceed to elect a permanent President and Secretary by ballot. Messrs. French and Brooks were appointed tellers, and reported that 12 votes had been cast, of which Mr. George F. McLellan received 7, Mr.

Johnson 1, Mr. Woodward 2, Mr. Dyer 1, Mr. Hyde 1. Mr. McLellan having received a majority of the votes cast, was declared elected permanent President of the Board of Trustees of Public Schools, and was escorted to the chair; upon assuming the duties of which, he returned thanks for the honor conferred and promised an impartial discharge of the duties of the office.

Messrs. Curtis and Brooks were then nominated for permanent Secretary. Tellers were appointed, and reported that 11 votes had been cast, of which Mr. Brooks received 6, and Mr. Curtis 5. Mr. John H. Brooks, having received a majority of votes cast, was declared permanent Secretary of the Board of Trustees, and came forward and assumed the duties of that office.

On motion of Mr. LLOYD, the rules and regulations of the late Board of Trustees of the Public Schools of Washington City were adopted as the rules and regulations of this Board, until otherwise ordered.

Mr. HENRY JOHNSON submitted the following preamble and resolution:

"Whereas the best interests of education demand that there should be uniformity in the methods of discipline and instruction; therefore be it
Resolved, That to secure such end, the rules and regulations and courses of instruction in the public schools for the District of Columbia be referred to a committee of five, including the President, for revision."

After debate, the preamble and resolution were agreed to, and the President announced the following-named gentlemen as the committee under the resolution, viz: Messrs. Johnson, Moffatt, Brown, Dyer, and the President.

Mr. JOHNSON also submitted the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That the action of the late Board of Trustees of Public Schools for the District of Columbia, in relation to the appointment and assignment of teachers and other employees be, and the same is hereby, confirmed."

Which, after some discussion, was withdrawn.

Mr. DYER moved that the President be authorized to appoint the standing committees; that the committees be the same as provided for by Article IV, By-Laws of the Board of Trustees of the Public Schools of Washington, and that each committee be composed of four members.

Mr. HYDE moved to amend, by inserting three instead of four, so that each committee would be composed of three members.

The amendment of Mr. Hyde was agreed to, and the motion of Mr. Dyer, as amended, was then agreed to.

Mr. BROWN moved that the schools be divided into fifteen school districts, and a member assigned to each district. After some discussion, the motion of Mr. Brown was referred to the special committee on the revision of the rules and regulations and courses of instruction.

Mr. LLOYD moved that Messrs. French, Woodward, Dyer, Lloyd and McLellan be a committee to nominate to this Board teachers for the public schools of Washington, for the ensuing school year; that Messrs. Johnson, Brooks, Douglass and Ryder be a committee to nominate to this Board teachers for the public colored schools of the cities of Washington and Georgetown, for the ensuing school year; that Messrs. Hyde, Moffatt and Curtis, be a committee to nominate to this Board teachers for the public schools of Georgetown, for the ensuing school year; that Messrs. Smith, Brown and Chickering be a committee to nominate to this Board teachers for the county of Washington for the ensuing school year.

Mr. DYER moved the following as an amendment to the last motion:

"That the two members of each school district in the city of Washington, excluding the President, be the committee to nominate teachers for the respective

districts; that the trustees for Georgetown and for the county be the committee to nominate teachers for Georgetown and the county respectively."

After debate, the amendment of Mr. Dyer was rejected—Mr. Dyer voting in the affirmative.

The motion of Mr. Lloyd was then agreed to—eleven in the affirmative, and one in the negative.

Those who voted in the affirmative were—

Messrs. French, Woodward, Lloyd, McLellan, Johnson, Brooks, Ryder, Hyde, Moffatt, Smith and Brown.

In the negative—Mr. Dyer.

On motion of Mr. FRENCH, a committee of three was appointed to procure a more suitable place of meeting.

The President announced as the committee, Messrs. French, Brooks and McLellan.

On motion, it was ordered, that when the Board adjourn, it be to meet on Tuesday, the 18th instant, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

The Board then adjourned.

ADJOURNED MEETING.

FRANKLIN SCHOOL BUILDING.

August 18, 1874.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Trustees of the Public Schools in and for the District of Columbia met at the above-named place.

Present: Trustees Woodward, French, Dyer, Johnson, Brooks, Ryder, Moffatt, Hyde, Smith, Brown, Curtis, Lloyd.

The President, Geo. F. McLellan, in the chair.

The minutes of the meeting of the Board of August 10, 1874, were read.

Mr. WOODWARD stated that, as some of the members had not qualified at that time, he would move that the action of the Board at that meeting be confirmed, and the minutes approved. Agreed to

Mr. HYDE presented a number of bills against the Public Schools of Georgetown, which were referred to the Committee on Accounts; also, the minutes of the last meeting of the late Board of Trustees of Public Schools of Georgetown. The papers were ordered to be placed in the hands of Trustee Curtis, to be entered on the Journal of said Board.

Mr. WOODWARD presented the resignation of Miss Carrie Reisse. Resignation accepted and placed on file. The resignation of Miss Ellen Gibbs was tendered, accepted and placed on file.

Applications were received from James H. A. Schureman, B. F. Grant and Lewis Willis, for positions of janitor of the Lovejoy, Delaware-avenue and Stevens public school buildings. Referred to sub-board Colored Schools of Washington and Georgetown. Also, application for teachership from Mrs. Eliza Ann Chambers; referred to same sub-board. Also, application for teachership in the public schools of Washington, from Messrs. F. E. W. Crocker, and Prof. William Chase, of Salem, N. J. Referred to Superintendent J. O. Wilson.

Mr. JOHNSON, from the Committee to Nominate Teachers for the Public Colored Schools of the cities of Washington and Georgetown, submitted the following nominations for teachers in the public colored schools of Washington and Georgetown, until otherwise ordered:

M. J. Patterson, A. T. Howard, M. L. Robinson, R. E. Coakley, E. V. Brown, A. F. Spencer, C. A. Patterson, C. Lewis, C. A. Jones, M. C. Barney, A. S. Simmons, W. George, M. F. Kiger, L. A. Barbour, L. V. Fisher, M. L. Bowie, S. P. Parsons, L. F. Jones, L. F. Barney, A. W. Ringgold, E. A. Butler, M. L. Hoy, M. A. S. Cary, A. L. Foote, F. A. Martin, R. J. Cook, J. L. Brooks, R. A. Lee, H. A. Simmons, A. E. Holmes, M. A. Teagle, E. Logan, M. C. Giles, J. Wilson, A. A. Brown, A. M. Parke, E. G. Randall, A. V. Tompkins, H. A. Saunders, M. E. Bartlett, M. A. Dorster, L. A. Smith, M. E. Reed, C. E. Collins, M. A. Bailey, M. Bond, M. A. Ward, C. E. Parke, M. C. Kelly, E. L. Fisher, M. A. Hutton, A. Warrick, G. A. Dyson, M. E. Tucker, L. L. Lewis, S. L. Daffin, A. E. Vanderhoop, M. A. C. Coakley, L. P. Mathews, H. A. Martin, A. L. Tilghman, Henry F. Grant, M. V. Datcher, M. L. Lawrence, M. E. Chew.

On motion, the nominations submitted by Mr. Johnson were confirmed.

Mr. DYER, from the Committee to Nominate Teachers for the Public Schools of

Washington city, submitted the following nominations for teachers in the First district Public Schools of Washington city for the school year ending August 31, 1875:

Male Grammar, R. M. McKee; female grammar, Mrs. Mary E. R. Nevitt. Male Intermediate, No. 1, A. T. Stuart; do., do., 2, Mrs. E. A. Hilton; do., do., 3, Mary A. Groff; do., do., 4, Susie G. Hickey. Female Intermediate, No. 1, Fannie E. Hoover; do., do., 2, Ellen F. Reed; do., do., 3, Rachel J. Day; do., do., 4, Jennie B. Hallaran. Male Secondary, No. 1, Addie H. Fuller; female do., 2, Kate E. Rawlings; male do., 3, Ellen S. McMahon; female do., 4, Dora N. Brown; male do., 5, Annie J. Morgan; female do., 6, Mrs. Maria E. Rodier; male do., 7, Mary McArdle; female do., 8, Isabella M. Wilson; male do., 9, Mrs. Mary J. Sampson; female do., 10, Mary C. McGill; female do., 12, Maria J. Marsh. Male Primary, No. 1, Annie L. Sargent; female do., 2, Flora L. Wiggins; male do., 3, Annie M. Clark; female do., 4, Mary S. Shields; male do., 5, Susie A. Mockabee; female do., 6, Fannie E. Jullien; male do., 7, Effie Rodier; female do., 8, Roberta Freeland; male do., 9, Louisa M. Bishop; female do., 10, Clara A. Hollingsworth; male do., 11, Fannie C. Snyder; female do., 12, Annie M. Dutton; male do., 13, Sarah A. J. Oliphant; male and female do., 14, Effie Macfarlane; male and female do., 15, Louisa S. Weightman. Sub-assistant, Annette E. George.

On motion, the nominations submitted by Mr. Dyer were confirmed.

Mr. WOODWARD, from the same committee, submitted the following nominations for teachers in the Second district, Washington city, for the school year ending August 31, 1875:

Male Grammar, Nath'l P. Gage; Mason P. Adams, acting assistant. Female Grammar, Georgia Lane; Florence M. Ball, sub-assistant. Male Intermediate No. 1, Julia A. Brown; 2, M. Adele Tait; 3, Mary E. Rowe; 4, Kate T. Brown, acting. Female Intermediate No. 1, Emily V. Billing; 2, Emily Myers; 3, Alice L. Kern; 4, Matilda King, acting. Secondary No. 1, Eliza Caton; 2, Emily Robinson; 3, Clara C. Baker; 4, Susan C. Collins; 5, Amanda M. Earl; 6, H. Jennie Free; 7, Mary O. Whiting, acting; 8, Elizabeth L. Prather, acting; 9, Virginia R. Gittings; 10, Maggie C. Walsh; 11, Emma F. Quinlan; 12, Maria L. Walker. Primary No. 1, Cornelia L. Ellis; 2, A. Hortense Trevitt; 3, Mary B. Bartlett; 4, Emma L. Bond; 5, Lucy May Johnson; 6, Emma L. Wilson; 7, Emmeline C. Weightman; 8, Jennie Boss; 9, Susie E. Porter; 10, Ella W. Williams, acting; 11, Marian J. Malone; 12, J. M. Goodrich; 14, Clara J. Leech; 16, Grace C. Poole.

The nominations submitted by Mr. Woodward were confirmed.

Mr. FRENCH, from the same committee, submitted the following nominations for Teachers in the Third district Public Schools of Washington city for the school year ending August 31, 1875:

Male grammar, Charles E. Hilton. Female grammar, Miss Mary A. Mirick. Male Intermediate, No. 1, Victoria L. Nourse; do. do., 2, Mary G. Kelly; do. do., 3, Catharine Morphy; Female intermediate, No. 1, Lucy B. Davis; do. do., 2, Hannah P. Johnson; do. do., 3, Mary A. Aukward, Secondary No. 1, Maggie E. Saxon; do., 2, Symphronia M. Lusby; do., 3, Amelia J. Rowland; do., 4, Mary Morgan; do., 5, Alice Oulahan; do., 6, Jane G. Moss; do., 7, Mary A. Dodge; do., 8, Catharine A. Dulin; do., 9, Mary E. Armistead; do., 10, Lillie F. Thomas. Primary No. 1, Sarah Meredith, acting; do., 2, Mary Sanderson; do., 3, Martha E. Armistead; do., 4, Ella G. Kelly; do., 5, Mary C. Wilkerson; do., 6, Mary E. Kealey, acting; do., 7, Sarah J. Kealey; do., 8, Maria V. McCathran; do., 9, Lizzie M. Stromberger; do., 10, Martha J. McCutchen; do., 11, Maggie E. Forbes; do., 12, Lizzie A. Scott; do., 13, Eliza M. Aiken; do., 14, Ida A. Lord, acting; do., 15, Mary K. O'Brian; do., 16, Fannie E. Crosby; do., 17, M. Emma Van Doren. Sub-assistant in Wallack building, Ellen Cooper Dyer; assistant male grammar, Frederick E. W. Crocker.

The nominations submitted by Mr. French were confirmed.

Mr. LLOYD, from the same committee, submitted the following nominations for

teachers in the Fourth district Public Schools of Washington city for the school year ending August 31, 1875:

Male Grammar, John E. Thompson. Female Grammar, Mrs. Mary E. Martin. Male Intermediate No. 1, Edward H. Thompson; do., do., 2, Mary A. Lee; do., do., 3, Maggie A. Pumphrey. Female Intermediate, No. 1, Mrs. Sarah E. Wise; do., do., 2, Annie VanHorn; do., do., 3, Susie A. Langley. Secondary No. 1, Victoria V. Trook; do., 2, Annie M. Adams; do., 3, Rachel A. Garrett; do., 4, Mrs. Mary A. Bowen; do., 5, Elizabeth J. Riley; do., 6, Harriet L. Davis; do., 7, Mary Louisa Strobel, acting; do., 8, Belle C. Peyton. Primary No. 1, Margaret E. Garrett; do., 2, Clara L. Wilson, acting; do., 3, Ellen E. Halliday; do., 4, Adele B. Gray; do., 5, Janie P. McCauley; do., 6, Catharine F. Maxwell; do., 7, Ida M. Pumphrey. do., 8, Charlotte Lucas; do., 9, Clara V. Worrell; do., 10, Sallie H. Johnson; do., 11, Elizabeth A. Sheck; do., 12, Sophie I. Allen; do., 13, Martha Barnes. Assistant to the Male Grammar School, Ellie Dunn, acting. Sub-assistant to Female Grammar School, Annie Whitemore.

The nominations submitted by Mr. Lloyd were confirmed.

Mr. HYDE, from the Committee to Nominate Teachers for the Public Schools of Georgetown, submitted the following nominations for teachers in said schools for the school year ending August 31, 1875:

Male Grammar, B. S. Janney; female do., Laura A. Reed; male intermediate, Mary E. Turner; female, do., Jennie M. Bates; male secondary, Alice E. Craig; female do., Florence P. Sullivan; Primary No. 1, Adella M. Ross; No. 2, Laura V. Blundon; No. 3, Emma L. Godey; No. 4, Josephine Good; No. 5, Angelica Houghton; No. 6, Jennie Gardner; assistant teachers, Alwilda Brooks, Alice Watkins.

The nominations submitted by Mr. Hyde were confirmed.

Mr. BROWN, from the Committee to Nominate Teachers for the Public Schools in the County, submitted the following nominations for teachers for the school year ending August 31, 1875:

First district, school No. 1, Clement A. Peck; No. 2, Mrs. S. M. Newman. Second district, school No. 1, John E. Chappell, No. 2, Emma A. Miller, assistant; No. 3, French C. Lugenbeel. Third District, school No. 1, W. E. Lipscomb, jr.; No. 2, Ellen Emery; No. 3, Julia E. York; Modonia J. Brown, Delia M. Tingle, Anna M. Straker, assistants. Fourth district, school No. 1, Charles N. Otey; Mary F. Hobson, class 2; Isadore M. Smith, assistant; No. 2, I. R. Keene; India A. Wineberger, assistant; No. 3, William Bishop. Fifth district, school No. 1, Frank Brooks; No. 2, Virginia L. Douglass. Sixth district, school No. 1, Mary M. Manning; No. 2, J. H. Voorhees. Seventh district, school No. 1, Henry S. Petty; S. P. Abel, Rachel Stelle, assistants; No. 2, Sarah A. Shimm; John Covington, temporary assistant; No. 3, Wm. P. Simmons; Fanny E. Hall, class 2; Emma Patterson, Mary T. Benjamin, assistants; No. 4, Cynthia D. Rockwell.

The nominations submitted by Mr. Brown were confirmed.

The nominations having all been made, the President stated, in reply to a question from a member of the Board, that the nominations were merely formal; that the sub-boards could designate teachers to fill vacancies, and report its action at the next meeting of the General Board.

Mr. FRENCH nominated Miss Smith as teacher of the Normal School, in the city of Washington; which nomination was confirmed.

Mr. JOHNSON, from the Special Committee to Revise the Rules and Regulations of the Public Schools in the District of Columbia, submitted the following report:

WASHINGTON, D. C., August 18, 1874.

To the Trustees of the Public Schools of the District of Columbia:

The committee appointed to revise the By-Laws and Rules and Regulations respectfully recommend that the By-Laws and Regulations found in pages 194 to 201,

of twenty-sixth Report of Trustees of Public Schools of the City of Washington, be adopted, with the amendments submitted herewith.

They also recommend that the text-books adopted by the several boards heretofore existing be continued in use, and that the course of study for the public schools of Washington, found on pages 202 to 212 of twenty-sixth Report, be re-adopted for those schools, and that the other schools conform to it as nearly as practicable.

HENRY JOHNSON,
F. W. MOFFATT,
GEORGE W. DYER,
SOLOMON G. BROWN,
G. F. McLELLAN.

The report, and also the amendments, after some verbal amendments, were agreed to.

Messrs. Brown, Hyde and Woodward were excused by the President for the evening.

Mr. LLOYD submitted the following :

"That Prof. J. H. Daniel, Mrs. King and Miss Bettie Havenner be appointed teacher and assistant teachers of music for the schools of Washington city, D. C."

Laid over for future action.

Mr. CURTIS offered the following :

"That the President be requested to confer with the Commissioners, and through them procure the printing of the regulations, as amended, the proceedings of the Board, and lists of the standing committees."

Agreed to.

Mr. CURTIS also offered the following :

Ordered, That the President and Secretary, after consulting with the sub-boards, give public notice of the times and places of holding the meetings of teachers preparatory to opening the schools, and also of issuing tickets to pupils.

Agreed to.

A number of bills were presented by the Chair, and referred to the Committee on Accounts.

The President then announced as the standing committees :—

Accounts—Moffatt, Woodward, Smith, French, and Brooks.

Annual Report—Douglass, Curtis, Lloyd, Brown, French.

Drawing—Chickering, Dyer, Douglass

Examination and Prizes—French, Hyde, Ryder, Brown, McLellan.

Institute—Johnson, Curtis, Chickering.

Legislation—Curtis, Chickering, Ryder.

Music—Lloyd, Brooks, Moffatt.

Rules—Dyer, Hyde, Johnson, Chickering, McLellan.

Schools—Ryder, French, Hyde.

Supplies—Brown, Moffatt, Woodward.

Teachers—Hyde, McLellan, Smith, Dyer, Johnson.

Text Books—Woodward, Brooks, Smith, Lloyd, Curtis.

On motion, adjourned to meet the second Monday in September.

REGULAR STATED MEETING.

FRANKLIN SCHOOL BUILDING,
September 14, 1874.

The Board of Trustees in and for the District of Columbia met on the above date.
Present: Trustees S. G. Brown, Brooke, Champlin, Curtis, Dyer, Ferguson, French, Hart, Hovey, Johnson, Lloyd, Moffatt, Packard, Smith and Woodward.
The President, George F. McLellan, in the chair; John H. Brooks, secretary.
The Journal of the proceedings of August 18, 1874, was read and approved.
The following communications were read for the information of the Board, and placed on file:

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,
September 9, 1874.

List of names of Trustees of Public Schools in and for the District of Columbia, furnished for the information of the Secretary of said Board:

BROWN, J. SULLIVAN, County.
BROWN, SOLOMON G., County.
BROOKE, PHILIP L., County.
BROOKS, JOHN H., Washington.
CHAMPLIN, ELWARD, Washington.
CURTIS, W. W., Georgetown.
DYER, GEORGE W., Washington.
FERGUSON, J. H., Georgetown.
FRENCH, E. F., Washington.
WOODWARD, WM. R., Washington.

HART, A., Washington.
HOVEY, CHARLES E., Washington.
JOHNSON, HENRY, Washington.
LLOYD, BENJAMIN F., Washington.
MCLELLAN, GEORGE F., Washington.
MOFFATT, F. W., Georgetown.
PACKARD, B. F., County.
RYDER, WM. PERRY, Washington.
SMITH, C. B., County.

WM. TINDALL,
Secretary to Commissioners D. C.

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,
Washington, D. C., September 7, 1874.

HON. JOHN H. BROOKS, *Secretary Board of Trustees:*

SIR: I am directed to request you to prepare and furnish this office a roster of the name, designation, salary, &c., of the teachers of the schools under the supervision of your Board.

Very respectfully,

WM. TINDALL, *Secretary.*

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,
Washington, D. C., August 24, 1874.

Ordered, That no contract for supplies or repairs, for any purpose involving the expenditure of money, shall be made by any officer or employee connected with the office of the District government, excepting with the written approval of this Commission.

[Official copy.]

WM. TINDALL, *Secretary.*

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,
Washington, D. C., August 28, 1874.

GEO. F. MCLELLAN, Esq., *President Board of Trustees, &c.:*

SIR: The Commission directs me to state, for the guidance of the Trustees, that the expediency of conceding to them the privilege of exercising their judgment

in making incidental expenses of the character of removal of furniture, and others not necessitating the purchase of supplies or material, is recognized; but that the engineer *alone* shall make necessary repairs, and he should be notified when they are required.

Very respectfully,

WM. TINDALL,
Secretary.

The following communications were received:

From Henri Masson, relative to forming French classes among the female teachers. Referred to Committee on Teachers.

From Mrs. Annie M. Straker. Referred to Sub-Board County Schools.

From Edward Lindsay. Referred to Committee on Rules.

Applications for teachership in the county were received from N. E. King, Anna Bumbey, Sarah M. Robinson, Georgia S. Dysen, William H. Stewart, M. B. Malone, Mary A. Clark, Mrs. J. H. Voorhees, Carrie A. Brown, Henry W. Hewlett. Referred to Sub-Board County Schools.

Applications for teacherships in the Public Schools of Washington city were received from James Bowler, R. H. Harkness, Irene Reese, Lizzie Wayson, Herbert P. Perkins, Margaret R. Smith, Benjamin S. Pike, Ada Willey, Kate E. Little, Constance E. Boyne, J. Blanche Millard, Hattie E. Emery. Referred to Superintendent J. O. Wilson.

Miss Anna L. Sargent tendered her resignation as teacher in the Male Primary school, First district, Washington city. Resignation accepted, to take effect August 31, 1874. Miss Annie J. Morgan tendered her resignation as teacher of Secondary school No. 5, First district, Washington city. Resignation accepted, to take effect September 30, 1874.

Mr. JOHNSON, from the Sub-Board of Colored Schools of Washington and Georgetown, submitted the following nominations for teachers and acting teachers in said schools:

Teachers.—Barbara E. Pope, Mary Nalle, Ida G. Nutter, Anna Ross, Adeline T. Bowen, Ruth Murray, Ada A. Bozemon, Eunice P. Shadd, Martha E. Pryor, and Georgia C. Jackson.

Acting Teachers.—Anna E. Lee, Maria L. Jordan, Lella P. Bruce, Susan Brown, Fannie E. McCoy, Anna B. Lucas, Millie G. Hurns, Anna Waters, Sarah J. Dulaney, Octavia Parker, Margaret M. Logan, and Cecelia Anderson.

Special Teachers.—Addie V. Shewalter, and John Esputa.

The nominations submitted by Mr. Johnson were confirmed.

Mr. Hart submitted the following nominations by the Trustees of the First District. Miss Louisa M. Bishop, transferred from Primary No. 9 to Primary No. 7; Miss Effie Rodier, transferred from Primary No. 7 to Primary No. 9; Miss Maria I. Marsh, at her own request, transferred from Secondary No. 12 to Primary No. 8; Miss Alice Simpson, appointed to Primary No. 1, vice Miss Anna L. Sargent resigned; to take effect September 1, 1874. Miss Anna M. Clark, promoted from Primary No. 3 to Secondary No. 5, vice Miss Anna J. Morgan, resigned; to take effect September 1, 1874. Miss Alice E. Cooksey, appointed to Primary No. 3, vice Miss Anna M. Clark, to take effect September 1, 1874. Mr. R. H. Harkness, assistant teacher male grammar school, from September 1, 1874. Which, on motion, were confirmed and ordered.

The Sub-Board for Public Schools of Georgetown submitted the following:

We beg leave to report the name of Miss Lizzie Dadman as teacher of Primary No. 7; also, the transfer, by request, of Miss Alice Craig, from male Secon-

dary to Primary No. 1; also, the transfer of Miss Adella Ross, from Primary No. 1 to male Secondary.
Respectfully,

W. W. CURTIS.
F. W. MOFFATT.

The report and recommendation were agreed to.
Mr. WOODWARD submitted the following nominations: Ella Ralph, teacher Primary No. 7; Mary Evans, teacher Primary No. 15, Second district, Washington city.

The nominations submitted by Mr. Woodward were confirmed.
A number of bills were presented, which were referred to Committee on Accounts.
Mr. LLOYD called up, as unfinished business, the nominations of Prof J. H. Daniel, Mrs. King, and Miss Bettie Havenner, as teacher and assistant teachers of music in the Public Schools of Washington city, D. C. The name of Susan E. Fuller as teacher of drawing in the same schools was added, and the nominations confirmed.

Mr. BROOKS submitted the following preamble and resolutions:

Whereas the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, in their order dated August 8, 1874, consolidating the late four Boards of Trustees of Public Schools in the District of Columbia, intended no change of existing laws relative to the Public Schools in force at the time of consolidation, except in so far as they were empowered by act of Congress to abolish said boards and create the present board; and whereas, the present Board of Trustees of Public Schools in and for the District of Columbia is the legal successor to the late Boards of Trustees of the Public Schools of Washington, Georgetown, County of Washington, and the schools for colored children of the cities of Washington and Georgetown; and whereas all laws pertaining respectively to the late Boards of Trustees of Public Schools, with the exception before mentioned, are still in full force; and whereas it is the duty of this board to execute faithfully all laws relative to the Public Schools in the District of Columbia now existing; therefore, be it

Resolved, That for the more efficient and harmonious administration of the important trust confided to this Board, as the legal successor of the late boards, that there shall be four sub-boards, composed of the members of this body, viz: Sub-Board of Trustees of the Public Schools of Washington city; Sub-Board of Trustees of Public Schools for Colored Children in the cities of Washington and Georgetown; Sub-Board of Trustees of Public Schools of the County of Washington, in the District of Columbia; Sub-Board of Trustees of the Public Schools for Georgetown.

Resolved, further, That Messrs. Geo. F. McLellan, Benj. F. Lloyd, Charles E. Hovey, Geo. W. Dyer, A. Hart, E. F. French, Elward Champlin, and W. R. Woodward, members of this Board, resident in the city of Washington, be the Sub-Board for the Public Schools of Washington city; that Messrs. Henry Johnson, W. P. Ryder, J. H. Ferguson, and John H. Brooks, be the Sub-Board for the Colored Public Schools of Washington and Georgetown; that Messrs. Solomon G. Brown, J. Sullivan Brown, Philip L. Brooke, B. F. Packard, and C. B. Smith, be the Sub-Board for the Public Schools in the County of Washington, D. C.; that Messrs. W. W. Curtis and F. W. Moffatt be the Sub-Board for the Public Schools of Georgetown: *Provided*, That the official acts of the several Sub-Boards hereby constituted, in the discharge of the duties specially imposed, shall at all times be subject to review, approval or disapproval of this Board, and it is hereby made the duty of said Sub-Boards to report once a month, or oftener if required, to this Board, all important acts performed by them in their official capacity as Trustees of Public Schools.

Mr. HOVEY offered the following as a substitute for the resolutions offered by Mr. Brooks, to come in after the preamble:

Resolved, 1. That the District of Columbia shall be divided into seven school districts; the first, second, third and fourth, comprising the Public Schools of the city of Washington, shall be and remain as at present constituted by law; the city of Georgetown shall constitute the fifth, and the County outside of said cities the sixth, and the schools for colored children of the cities of Washington and Georgetown the seventh.

2. The Trustees of Public Schools in and for the District of Columbia shall be divided, and they do hereby divide themselves into seven Sub-Boards for the exercise of practical supervision over said schools, severally subject at all times to the control of the general Board; and said Trustees do hereby appoint Messrs. Hart and Dyer as the Sub-Board for the first school district; Messrs. Woodward and McLellan for the second; Messrs. French and Hovey for the third; Messrs. Champlin and Lloyd for the fourth; Messrs. Curtis and Moffatt for the fifth; Messrs. J. Sullivan Brown, Solomon G. Brown, C. B. Smith, B. F. Packard and Philip L. Brooke, for the sixth; and Messrs. Henry Johnson, John H. Brooks, Wm. P. Ryder and J. H. Ferguson for the seventh.

3. That until otherwise ordered, the Sub-Boards for the first, second, third, fourth and fifth districts shall govern themselves so far as practicable by the rules and regulations heretofore in force for the government of the Public Schools of Washington; the Sub-Board for the sixth district shall conform so far as practicable to the rules and regulations now existing for the government of the schools in the County outside the cities of Washington and Georgetown; and the seventh Sub-Board shall administer the affairs of the Schools for Colored Children in the cities of Washington and Georgetown, in accordance with the laws of Congress and rules and regulations heretofore in force for the government of said schools.

Mr. BROOKS accepted the substitute, with a few verbal amendments.

Mr. McLellan objected to its acceptance by Mr. Brooks as a substitute.

Mr. DYER moved to strike out "heretofore," and insert "now." Agreed to.

The substitute was then, after discussion, agreed to.

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Messrs. Brooke, Brooks, Champlain, Curtis, Dyer, Ferguson, French, Hart, Hovey, Johnson, Moffatt, and Packard, Smith—13.

Those who voted in the negative were:

Messrs. Brown, Lloyd, McLellan and Woodward—4.

So the preamble and resolutions, as amended, were adopted.

The following are the preamble and resolutions as adopted:

Whereas the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, in their order dated August 8, 1874, consolidating the late four Boards of Trustees of Public Schools in the District of Columbia, intended no change of existing laws relative to the Public Schools in force at the time of consolidation, except in so far as they were empowered by act of Congress to abolish said Boards and create the present Board. And whereas the present Board of Trustees of the Public Schools in and for the District of Columbia is the legal successor to the late Boards of Trustees of the Public Schools of Washington, Georgetown, County of Washington, and the Schools for Colored Children of the cities of Washington and Georgetown; and whereas all laws pertaining respectively to the late Boards of Trustees of Public Schools, with the exception before mentioned, are still in full force; and whereas it is the duty of this Board to execute faithfully all laws relative to the Public Schools in the District of Columbia now existing; therefore, be it

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3. That, until otherwise ordered, the Sub-Boards for the first, second, third, fourth and fifth districts shall govern themselves so far as practicable by the rules and regulations now in force for the government of the Public Schools of

Washington; the Sub-Board for the Sixth District shall conform so far as practicable to the rules and regulations now existing for the government of the schools in the County outside the cities of Washington and Georgetown; and the seventh Sub-Board shall administer the affairs of the Schools for Colored Children in the cities of Washington and Georgetown, in accordance with the laws of Congress and the rules and regulations now in force for the government of said schools.

Mr. PACKARD offered the following from the Sub-Board of the County:

Resolved, That children whose parents or guardians reside in the County of Washington shall not be received into the Public Schools of the cities of Washington and Georgetown without first having received, *in writing*, the permission of the Trustee in charge of the County district in which the applicant, his or her parents or guardian, may reside.

Agreed to.

Mr. PACKARD also offered the following:

Resolved, That John C. Nalle be, and he is hereby, appointed teacher of school No. 2, in the Fifth County district, vice Virginia L. Douglass, whose appointment is hereby rescinded.

Mr. BROWN offered the following as a substitute:

Whereas two of the schools in the County of Washington were closed by advice of President McLellan, Superintendent Wilson and Secretary Brooks, by reason of two teachers, both claiming appointments as teachers, appearing at same school; therefore, be it

Resolved, That said school be reopened, and Mrs. Douglass be placed at the head of said school, she holding an appointment from this Board and having been assigned to said school.

The substitute was rejected—yeas, 6; nays, 10.

Those who voted in the affirmative were—

Messrs. Sol. G. Brown, Brooks, Dyer, Ferguson, French and Smith—6.

Those who voted in the negative were—

Messrs. Brooke, Champlin, Curtis, Hart, Hovey, Johnson, Lloyd, Moffatt, Packard, and Woodward—10.

The resolution of Mr. Packard was then agreed to.

On motion of Mr. HOVEY, the Board adjourned to meet three weeks from Tuesday next, 15th instant, (October 6) at 7:30 p. m.

REGULAR STATED MEETING.

FRANKLIN SCHOOL BUILDING,
October 6, 1874.

The Board of Trustees in and for the District of Columbia met pursuant to adjournment.

Previous to calling the roll, the Secretary read the following communication :

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,
Washington, D. C., October 6, 1874.

To the Trustees of Public Schools, &c.:

GENTLEMEN: I am directed to inform you that George F. McLellan, esq., tendered his resignation as a Trustee of Public Schools, &c., resident of Washington, which was accepted the 5th instant: and that Dr. R. B. Detrick was, on the same day, appointed to the vacancy thus made.

Very respectfully,

WM. TINDALL,
Secretary.

The roll was then called.

Present: Messrs. J. Sullivan Brown, Brooke, Brooks, Champlin, Detrick, French, Hart, Hovey, Johnson, Lloyd, Moffatt, Packard, and Woodward.

The Secretary, in the absence of the President, called the meeting to order, and said the first business would be the election of a President *pro tempore*. Mr. W. R. Woodward was elected President *pro tempore*.

The following communications from the Secretary to the Commissioners of the District of Columbia were read and ordered printed in the minutes :

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,
Washington, D. C., October 5, 1874.

GENTS: In reply to a communication of the 20th ult., containing a proposition to regulate the pay of janitors of school buildings, I am directed to send you the inclosed copy of the opinion of the Attorney upon the subject.

Very respectfully,

WM. TINDALL,
Secretary.

ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,
Washington, October 2, 1874.

To the Commissioners of the District of Columbia :

Under the reference made to me on the 28th ultimo of two communications from Mr. Geo. F. McLellan, President of the Board of Trustees of the Public Schools, my opinion is requested "as to the authority of the Commissioners to raise the pay of janitors of school buildings."

The second section of the act approved June 20, 1874, provides that "the compensation of all officers and employees, except teachers in the Public Schools and officers and employees in the Fire Department shall be reduced twenty per centum per annum." This provision, in my judgment, subjects the compensation of janitors of school buildings to the reduction above mentioned.

I am aware of no legal grounds which exempt janitors from the operation of this enactment; and if it applies to their compensation, the Commissioners have no authority to increase their compensation beyond the sum to which the law reduces it.

Very respectfully,

EDWIN L. STANTON, *Attorney.*

Copy furnished for information of Board of School Trustees.

OCTOBER 5, 1874.

WM. TINDALL,
Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.
Washington, D. C., September 25, 1874.

That all claims against the Public Schools, before being audited or paid, shall have been approved by the Board of Trustees of Public Schools.
Official copy of section 4 of order passed September 21, 1874, furnished for information and guidance of the Secretary of the Board of Trustees of Public Schools.
WM. TINDALL,
Secretary.

By order:
Ordered, That the Board of Trustees of Public Schools is hereby directed to report to the Commissioners for the District of Columbia a schedule of all the school-sites, or other pieces of real estate, owned, bargained for, purchased, or occupied for Public School purposes within said District, stating particularly in regard to each piece; the description of the land; the date of acquisition; by what title it is held; in whom the title is vested; the amount of purchase money; the amount and nature of incumbrances, if any; the amount of purchase money overdue and unpaid, or not yet due; if rented or leased; for what time and on what terms, and by whom, and in each case the name of the custodian of the title papers.

Also a schedule of all pieces of real estate sold since February 21, 1871, by any Board of Public Schools within said District, with names of grantors and grantees, amount of purchase money, and terms of sale.

Second, That before the purchase by the Board of Trustees for Public Schools of any lands and premises for school purposes, the title shall be certified as good by the Attorney for the District, the purchase shall be made in the name of, and the title shall be vested in, the District of Columbia; the deeds shall be approved as to form by said attorney before acceptance, duly recorded in the land records of the District, and shall then be deposited for safe-keeping in the office of the Surveyor of said District.

Official copy furnished for the information of the Board of Trustees of Public Schools, District of Columbia.

By order:

WM. TINDALL,
Secretary.

SEPTEMBER 24, 1874.

Application from Mr. J. P. Theodore Lang, for position of teacher of German in the Public Schools of Washington, was also received, and referred to Superintendent J. O. Wilson.

The resignation of Miss Clara V. Worrell, as teacher of Primary School No. 9, Fourth District, to take effect October 4, 1874, was received and accepted.

A number of bills were received and referred to Committee on Accounts and Supplies, when appointed. The bills and papers referred to the first Committee on Accounts, and placed in the hands of Mr. Moffatt, the chairman, were returned by that gentleman, and placed in custody of the Secretary of the Board.

Mr. HART submitted the following:

The following are the amounts expended for ordinary school purposes, during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1874, in the Public Schools of Washington:

For teachers salary.....	\$108,247 56
For contingent expenses:	
Care of school rooms	\$7,058 58
Rent of school rooms.....	13,082 76
Stove fixtures and fuel.....	8,323 78
General supplies.....	5,453 23
Repairs.....	8,519 96
Contingent expenses of the Board, (including insurance of school property, printing Annual Report and blanks, advertising, officers' salaries, &c.).....	10,835 82
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Total.....	53,274 13
School furniture.....	161,521 69
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Grand total.....	1,042 70
OCTOBER 6, 1874.....	162,564 39

Ordered placed on file, and printed in the minutes.

REPORTS OF SUB-BOARDS.

Mr. HOVEY submitted the following :

The undersigned, Sub-Board of Trustees of Public Schools for the Third School District, recommend appointments and changes of teachers, as follows :

1st. Appoint Mrs. E. A. Hilton, assistant teacher in Male Grammar School, *vice* Mr. F. E. W. Crocker, resigned.

2d. Promote Miss Lusby from Female Secondary No. 2, to Male Intermediate No. 3, *vice* Miss Catharine Morphy, whose appointment is hereby rescinded.

3d. Transfer Miss Morgan from Female Secondary No. 4, to Male Secondary No. 1, *vice* Miss Saxton, transferred to Secondary No. 12.

4th. Transfer Miss Thomas from Female Secondary No. 10, to Female Secondary No. 2, *vice* Miss Lusby, promoted.

5th. Promote Miss Van Doren from Male Primary No. 17, to Female Secondary No. 10, *vice* Miss Thomas, transferred.

6th. Promote Miss McCutchen from Female Primary No. 10, to Female Secondary No. 4.

7th. Transfer Miss Mary E. Kealey from Primary No. 7, to Female Primary No. 10, *vice* Miss McCutchen, promoted.

8th. Appoint Miss Sarah E. Talbert, a graduate of the Normal School, acting teacher of Male Primary No. 7, *vice* Miss Kealey, transferred, to take effect October 1, 1874.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. E. HOVEY.

E. F. FRENCH,

Sub-Board.

OCTOBER 6, 1874.

The recommendations and nominations from Sub-Board of Third District, were agreed to and confirmed.

Mr. LLOYD, from Sub-Board Fourth District, submitted the following :

The following changes of teachers in the Fourth School District, Washington, D. C., is recommended, and confirmation asked:

Miss Martha Barnes, transferred from Male Primary, No. 13, to Female Secondary, No. 9; Miss Sallie H. Johnson, transferred from Male and Female Primary, No. 10, to Male and Female Primary, No. 13; *vice* Miss Barnes, promoted. Miss Elizabeth A. Sheek, transferred from Male Primary, No. 11, to Male and Female Primary, No. 10; *vice* Miss Johnson, transferred. Miss Annie M. Whitmore, appointed to Male and Female Primary, No. 9; *vice* Miss Clara V. Worrell, resigned. Miss Isabelle Haliday, appointed to Male and Female Primary, No. 11, *vice* Miss Sheek, transferred. Miss Hannah Tunnell, appointed sub-assistant to Female Grammar school, *vice* Anna Whitmore, promoted.

The nominations were confirmed, and recommendations agreed to.

Mr. FRENCH, from special committee, submitted the following report :

The committee appointed to procure a more suitable place of meeting, report that they have come to the conclusion that it is not expedient to make a change in the place of meeting at the present time, and ask to be discharged.

E. F. FRENCH,

JOHN H. BROOKS,

Committee.

Report agreed to, and committee discharged.

Mr. HOVEY presented the following resolution :

Resolved, That the "rules and regulations" referred to in the resolutions passed at the last meeting of this Board, relative to Sub-Boards and their duties, are, and they are hereby declared to be the rules and regulations in force just prior to the organization of this Board, for the government of the Public Schools of Washington, the County, and the Colored Schools respectively; and not the amended rules and regulations since adopted.

Which was adopted.

Mr. HART moved that the Secretary be instructed to select from bills in his hands all bearing date prior to June 20, 1874, and file the same with the Board of Audit at once. Carried.

Mr. JOHNSON moved to proceed to the election of a permanent President of the Board, a position made vacant by the resignation of Mr. Geo. F. McLellan. Agreed to; and the Chair appointed Messrs. Johnson and Packard as tellers.

The vote resulted as follows : W. W. Curtis, 11; C. E. Hovey, 1; B. F. Lloyd, 1.

On motion the vote was made unanimous, and Mr. W. W. Curtis declared elected President of the Board of Trustees of Public Schools in and for the District of Columbia.

Mr. HOVEY submitted the following :

Resolved, That the graduates of the Normal School, lately appointed as permanent teachers in the Public Schools be, and they are hereby, appointed as acting teachers only, to be promoted to the permanent list in accordance with law.

Which, on motion of Mr. JOHNSON, was laid over until the next meeting.

Mr. FRENCH submitted sundry amendments to the By-Laws of the Board of Trustees, and Rules and Regulations of the Public Schools. Laid over under the rules.

On motion, adjourned.

REGULAR STATED MEETING.

FRANKLIN SCHOOL BUILDING,
Washington, October 12, 1874.

The Board of Trustees in and for the District of Columbia met on the above date.

The President not being present, the Secretary called the meeting to order, and stated the first business in order would be the election of a President *pro tempore*.

Mr. W. R. WOODWARD was elected President *pro tempore*.

The roll was then called. Present: Trustees John H. Brooks, Elward Champ- lin, Geo. W. Dyer, J. H. Ferguson, E. F. French, A. Hart, Chas. E. Hovey, Henry Johnson, Benjamin F. Lloyd, B. F. Packard, Wm. Perry Ryder, C. B. Smith, Wm. R. Woodward, R. B. Detrick.

On motion of Mr. DETRICK the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

A communication was received from the Commissioners of the District of Co- lumbia, enclosing statement of Mr. D. A. Straker in reference to Mrs. Straker's position as teacher in the County Schools.

Referred to Sub-Board County Schools.

Also, a communication of P. L. Brooks in reference to pay of Mrs. Neiman, a teacher in said schools.

Referred to Sub-Board County Schools.

Applications for positions of teachers in the Public Schools of Washington were received from Miss Josephine Adams, of Quincy, Illinois; Miss Myra E. Love, Washington; Miss M. Quintrell, of Cleveland, Ohio.

Referred to Superintendent J. O. Wilson.

Mr. GEO. F. T. COOK submitted the following report :

PUBLIC COLORED SCHOOLS OF WASHINGTON AND GEORGETOWN.

Abstract of Reports for September, 1874.

Number of pupils on the rolls the last day of the month.....	4,308
Whole number of pupils enrolled during the month (not duplicate en- rollment).....	4,465
Average number of pupils enrolled during the month.....	4,264
Average number of pupils in attendance during the month.....	4,161
Number of schools in the First District, 23; Second, 18; Third 14; Fourth, 15; Fifth, 6; total.....	75
Average number of pupils in each school in the First District, 63; Sec- ond, 58; Third, 55; Fourth, 62; Fifth, 56; general average.....	59
Percentage of attendance in the First District, 97.6; Second, 97.8; Third, 97.4; Fourth, 97.3; Fifth, 96.9; average percentage.....	97.5
Number of cases of tardiness in the First District, 46; Second, 93; Third, 98; Fourth, 70; Fifth, 25; total.....	332
Percentage of tardiness.....	.0022
Number of cases of corporal punishment in the First District, 15; Second, 17; Third, 12; Fourth, 32; Fifth, 2; total.....	78
Number of pupils dismissed in the First District, 1; Second, 1; Third, 0; Fourth, 0; Fifth, 0; total.....	2
Number of pupils suspended in the First District, 1; Second, 4; Third, 0; Fourth, 4; Fifth, 0; total.....	9
Number of indigent pupils furnished with books in the First District, 16; Second, 2; Third, 0; Fourth, 4; Fifth, 0; total.....	22

Number of visits of Trustees in the First District, 32 ; Second, 26 ; Third, 17 ; Fourth, 7 ; Fifth, 6 ; total.....	88
Number of visits of Superintendent.....	84
Number of visits of parents and friends of pupils.....	231
G. F. T. COOK, <i>Superintendent.</i>	

Ordered placed on file.

A number of bills were presented and referred to Committee on Accounts and Supplies, when it shall have been appointed.

Mr. FRENCH called up, as unfinished business, the amendments offered by him at the last meeting; which were considered *seriatim* and agreed to.

Upon motion to adopt the amendments as a whole,

Mr. LLOYD moved that they be printed and submitted to the Board, that each member may vote intelligently.

By unanimous consent, Mr. HOVEY offered the following:

Resolved, That so much of the By-Laws as related to the manner of appointment of committees, and to the Committee on Supplies and Accounts and on Teachers, be now adopted.

Which was adopted.

Mr. HOVEY also offered the following :

Resolved, That Messrs. Champlin, Hart, Detrick, French, Moffatt, Johnson, Brooks and J. S. Brown be, and they are hereby, appointed the Committee on Supplies and Accounts, provided for in the By-Laws of the Board.

Which was adopted.

Mr. HOVEY offered the following :

Resolved, That B. F. Packard, Sol. G. Brown, and J. Sullivan Brown be, and they are hereby, appointed a committee for examination of County School teachers.

Which was adopted.

The following, submitted by Mr. HOVEY at the previous meeting, was then taken up and adopted :

Resolved, That the graduates of the Normal School lately appointed as permanent teachers in the Public Schools be, and they are hereby, appointed as acting teachers only, to be promoted to the permanent list in accordance with law.

The motion of Mr. LLOYD to print the amendments to the By-laws was then agreed to.

On motion of Mr. HART, it was ordered, that when the Board adjourn it be to meet Tuesday, the 20th inst., at 7.30 o'clock p. m.

Mr. BROOKS moved that the Secretary turn over all bills and accounts in his possession to the Committee on Accounts and Supplies, with instructions to said committee to pass upon said bills and accounts as far as possible, and report to the Board at its next meeting.

Agreed to.

Mr. CHAMPLIN submitted a number of amendments to the rules and regulations governing the Public Schools of Washington.

Laid over under the rules.

On motion, the Board then adjourned. to meet Tuesday, 20th inst., at 7.30 p. m.

ADJOURNED MEETING.

FRANKLIN SCHOOL BUILDING.

Washington, October 20, 1874.

The Board of Trustees in and for the District of Columbia met pursuant to adjournment; the President, W. W. Curtis, esq., in the chair; John H. Brooks, secretary.

Present: Messrs. J. S. Brown, Champlin, Detrick, Ferguson, French, Hart, Johnson, Lloyd, Moffatt, Packard, Smith and Woodward.

The following communication from Commissioner Blow was submitted by the chairman of the Committee on Supplies and Accounts:

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Washington, D. C., October 20, 1874.

To the Committee on Supplies and Accounts:

GENTLEMEN: You are authorized, until further notice, to make arrangements with contractors for supplies for such additional articles as you may require, at the prices stipulated in the contracts.

Yours, respectfully,

HENRY T. BLOW,
Commissioner.

Ordered placed on file.

Mr. SMITH presented the application of W. W. Lesh for position of teacher in the Public County Schools.

Referred to Superintendent J. O. Wilson.

Mr. CHAMPLIN, from the Committee on Supplies and Accounts, presented a communication from Mrs. Cameron, asking for additional allowance for rent of her property used for school purposes, with the following recommendation:

Resolved, That the Committee on Supplies and Accounts recommend to the Board to pay Mrs. Cameron, in addition to the present annual rental of \$400, the amount of annual general (not special) tax payable on said property to the District of Columbia.

Agreed to.

Mr. CHAMPLIN, from the same committee, reported the following: which was adopted:

Resolved, That all orders for supplies shall hereafter be signed by the members of the Committee on Supplies and Accounts for their respective districts, and that contractors shall furnish with these bills, as vouchers, the receipts for articles delivered to the different districts, signed by the principal of said district, superintendent or trustee.

Also the following:

Resolved, That the chairman and secretary of the Committee on Supplies and Accounts be authorized to order the delivery of such and so many articles of supplies as may be needed, at their discretion, from the contractors for the respective goods.

Adopted.

Also the following bills, recommended by the Committee on Supplies and Accounts for approval, and, upon motion, were approved :

Wm. Ballantyne, \$603.72, \$559.72, \$363.10, \$463.82, \$390.70—\$2,381.06; T. Edw. Clark & Co., \$909.74, \$709.06, \$262.26, \$809.08, \$331.58, \$162.64, \$1,223.75—\$4,408.11; Washington Gas-light Company, \$11, \$13, \$12.25, \$4.50, \$3.75, \$6.50—\$51; R. Hofer, \$6.50; James W. Barker, \$125, \$475—\$600; Rev. Chas. I. White, \$250; First Baptist Church, \$125; T. A. Newman, agent, \$75; Mary M. Cameron, \$100; William Durr, \$75; George Courtney, \$12; John C. McKelden, \$300; George P. Love, \$36.72; Church of Evangelical Association, \$100; Noble D. Larner, \$150; David W. Dixon, \$8; Memorial Parish, \$120; George F. Gulick, \$201.66; L. W. Slater, treasurer, \$46.67; C. B. Church & Co., \$75, \$60—\$135; Chas. H. Parker, \$28.50; Chas. F. Smithson, \$61.75; John H. Ferguson, \$8; Wm. Lewis, \$6.25; Wm. F. Burdette, \$55.80; Joseph F. Gedney, \$15; Geo. W. Moore, \$18.25; John F. Easton, \$53.39; Bradley, Keizer & Painter, \$22; John M. Stalling, \$8.75; William Harris, \$8.60; Seth Schell, \$9; Hackney & Norris, \$8; Edwin Parker, \$113; Alexander Tennant, \$5; Jane Sherwood, \$15.50; C. C. Wilson, \$36; C. Kattelmann, \$1; James Crusoe, \$1; W. J. Rhees, \$250; Chas. Lemon, \$45; Isaac Davenport, \$40.97; Germond Crandell, \$30.06; Henry Barnard, \$46; B. W. Reed & Sons, \$125.75; R. Williams, \$162.03. Total, \$10,356.32.

The Superintendents submitted the following abstract of reports of the Public Schools of the District of Columbia for September, 1874 :

	Washington.	George-town.	County.	Total.
1. Whole number of pupils enrolled :	8,745	853	627	10,225
White.....	4,130	335	716	5,181
Colored.....	12,875	1,188	1,343	15,403
Total.....	8,463	831	509	9,803
2. Number of pupils on the rolls the last day of the month :	3,989	319	688	4,996
White.....	12,452	1,150	1,287	14,889
Colored.....	8,134	702	470	9,306
3. Average number of pupils in daily attendance :	3,865	296	558	4,719
White.....	11,999	1,088	1,028	14,115
Colored.....	97.2	93.9	84.6	
4. Percentage of attendance :	97.9	96.9	89.7	
5. Number of teachers employed :	154	16	15	185
White.....	83	7	16	106
Colored.....	237	23	31	291
6. Number of cases of tardiness :	171	115	....	286
White.....	307	25	....	332
Colored.....	478	140	....	618
7. Number of cases of corporal punishment :	14	21	14	49
White.....	64	14	26	104
Colored.....	78	35	40	153
8. Number of pupils dismissed :	12	3	....	15
White.....	2	....	....	2
Colored.....	14	3	....	17

PAY-ROLLS FOR SEPTEMBER.

Teachers.....	\$17,817 65
Officers.....	408 33
Janitors.....	1,319 00
Total.....	19,544 98

J. ORMOND WILSON,
GEO. F. T. COOK,
Superintendents.

Placed on file,

Mr. HART submitted the following:

The Sub-Board of the First District reported the following transfers, promotions and appointments:

Transfer Miss R. Jennie Day, acting, to Male Intermediate No. 2, vice Mrs. E. A. Hilton, transferred to Third District. Promote Miss Kate E. Rawlings, acting, to Female Intermediate No. 3, vice Miss R. Jennie Day, transferred. Promote Miss Fannie E. Jullien to Secondary No. 2, vice Miss Kate E. Rawlings, promoted. Appoint Miss Elizabeth A. Corcoran, acting, to Primary No. 6, vice Miss Fannie E. Jullien, promoted, to take effect October 19, 1874. Appoint D. Foley to Primary No. 16.

A. HART,
For Sub-Board First District.

Confirmed.

Mr. FRENCH submitted the following:

The Sub-Board of the Third District report as follows:

Promote Miss Sarah E. Talbert from Primary No. 7 to Secondary No. 12, to take effect from October 7.

E. F. FRENCH, *Trustee.*

Confirmed.

Mr. PACKARD submitted the following:

Resolved, That having failed to pass the required examination, the appointment of Mrs. Annie M. Straker as a teacher of a County Public School be, and is hereby, rescinded.

Also the following:

The County Sub-Board recommend the appointment and confirmation of the following teachers: Miss Sarah M. Robinson, teacher of school No. 2, Third District, and Miss Annie M. Briggs, assistant teacher school No. 2, Sixth District, both to take effect November 1, 1874.

B. F. PACKARD, *Secretary.*
J. S. BROWN, *Chairman.*

Mr. LLOYD submitted the following:

The undersigned, member of the Committee on Music of the late Board of Trustees of Public Schools of the City of Washington, ask leave to place on record the following report, which shows the receipts and disbursements on account of the concerts given in June last, at Ford's Opera House: The profits, \$222.92, have been divided among the four districts, in proportion to the sale of tickets, making them respectively, as follows: First District, \$43; Second District, \$76; Third District, \$48.07; Fourth District, \$55.85. The money has been paid to Messrs. Hart, Woodward, Hovey and Lloyd, to be used for the benefit of their respective districts.

In this connection it is but just to express the thanks of the committee to the teachers of music and the pupils who took part in the concerts for their successful efforts.

BEN. F. LLOYD.

The Board then proceeded to the consideration of unfinished business, namely, the amendments proposed to the By-Laws of the Board of Trustees.

The amendments, after full discussion, were adopted.

The President of the Board then announced the standing committees of the Board, as follows:

Supplies and Accounts—Messrs. Champlin, Hart, Detrick, French, Johnson, Brooks, Moffatt, and J. S. Brown.

Teachers Public Schools Washington and Georgetown—Messrs. Hovey, Detrick, Lloyd, Dyer, and Moffatt.

Teachers Colored Schools of Washington and Georgetown—Messrs. Johnson, Brooks, and Ryder.

Teachers County Schools—Messrs. Packard, J. S. Brown, and S. G. Brown.
 Schools—Messrs. Dyer, Brooke, and Ferguson.
 Text Books—Messrs. Detrick, Champlin, and J. S. Brown.
 Music—Messrs. Lloyd, Hart, and Moffatt.
 Legislation—Messrs. Woodward, Brooks, and Packard.
 Institute—Messrs. Brooks, Hovey, and Dyer.
 Annual Report—Messrs. Smith, Brooks, and Detrick.
 Examination and Prizes—Messrs. French, Johnson, and Smith.
 German Language—Messrs. Moffatt, Hart, and Brooke.
 Drawing and Penmanship—Messrs. Hart, Woodward, and Ryder.

On motion, the Board then adjourned.

ADJOURNED MEETING.

FRANKLIN SCHOOL BUILDING,
November 10, 1874.

The Board of Trustees of Public Schools in and for the District of Columbia met on the above date: the President, W. W. Curtis, esq., in the chair; John H. Brooks, secretary.

Present: Messrs. J. S. Brown, Brooke, Champliu, Detrick, Dyer, French, Hart, Hovey, Johnson, Lloyd, Moffatt, Packard, Smith, and Woodward.

Applications for teacherships in the Public Schools of Washington and County were received from Miss Ella Morgan, of Washington, Miss Helen Merrifield, Miss Louisa M. Palmer, Sarah C. Tilghman, F. S. Fairley, Amelia C. Williamson, and Ida Kimball.

Referred to Superintendent J. O. Wilson.

Applications for teacherships in the Public Colored Schools of Washington and Georgetown were received from Amy V. Gant, Elizabeth Morton, Fannie Costin-Evaline Ingraham, H. M. Robinson, Mary Thorton, A. A. Harris, Parthenia Woodson, and A. R. Bowen.

Referred to Superintendent Cook.

The Superintendents submitted the following abstract of reports of the Public Schools of the District of Columbia for October, 1874:

	Washington.	George- town.	County.	Total.
1. Whole number of pupils enrolled:				
White.....	8,878	860	756	10,394
Colored	4,182	839	823	5,849
Total.....	130,60	1,199	1,484	15,743
2. Number of pupils on the rolls the last day of the month:				
White.....	8,629	823	613	10,065
Colored	3,942	314	750	5,012
Total.....	12,571	1,137	1,369	15,077
3. Average number of pupils in daily attendance:				
White.....	8,375	754	502	9,631
Colored	3,943	315	647	4,905
Total.....	12,318	1,069	1,149	14,536
4. Percentage of attendance:				
White.....	96.5	95.0	86.9	
Colored	98.0	97.8	87.5	
5. Number of teachers employed:				
White.....	155	16	15	186
Colored	83	7	16	106
Total.....	238	23	31	292
6. Number of cases of tardiness:				
White.....	343	122	....	465
Colored	499	29	....	528
Total.....	842	151	....	1,003
7. Number of cases of corporal punishment:				
White.....	14	12	27	53
Colored	107	6	50	163
Total.....	121	18	77	216
8. Number of pupils dismissed:				
White.....	15	2	....	17
Colored	59	....	....	59
Total.....	74	2	....	86

J. ORMOND WILSON,
GEO. F. T. COOK,
Superintendents.

Placed on file.

Mr. CHAMPLIN, from the Committee on Supplies and Accounts, reported the following bills, with the recommendation that they be approved :

Warren Choate & Co., \$1,072.06, \$800.36, \$126.68—\$1,999.10; A. R. Shepherd & Co., \$95.10; Wm. Ballantyne, \$211.42, \$209.78, \$204.81, \$307.26, \$69.96, \$195.40, \$208.89—\$1,407.52; St. John's German Lutheran Church, \$20; Geo. Z. Colison, \$67.06; Washington Gas-light Company, \$22, \$25.50, \$14, \$8, \$12.75, \$5.25—\$87.50; James Dunlop Estate, \$176.32; John Barry, \$69.49; Congregational Church, \$145.87; E. W. Knowles, \$90.70; John W. Carr, \$4.07, \$133.77—\$138.26; Henry C. Stevens, \$20.60; Thos. H. Dutton, \$50.33; James Hudson, \$12.50, \$15.09—\$27.59; Jos. L. Savage, \$155.60, \$335.60—\$491.20; Wm. W. Farr, \$72; McGill & Witherow, \$1,044.26; Samuel Cross, \$664.08; Jefferson Keadley, \$5. Total \$6,680.

Upon motion, they were approved.

Mr. HART, from the Committee on Supplies and Accounts, reported the following list of bills paid by order of the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, without having been referred to this Board for approval :

W. W. Vaughn, \$23; Washington Gas-light Company, \$18.50, \$7, \$27.75, \$6.75—\$60; T. Edw. Clark & Co., \$618.57; Grace M. E. Church, \$250; First Baptist Church, \$125; Holtzelam & Graham, \$144.05, \$34.85, \$70.04, \$37.64—\$286.58; Samuel S. Hunt, \$499, \$3,073, \$61.25—\$3,633.25; Chronicle Publishing Company, \$82; Evening Star, \$36.06; Daily Critic, \$15.48; Washington Journal, \$27; National Republican, \$12; N. D. Larner, secretary, \$53.75; National Metropolitan Insurance Company, \$48.75; J. J. Bogue, agent, \$50.20, \$334—\$384.20; Wm. L. Cowan, \$12.04. Total, \$5,672.70.

Placed on file.

Mr. HART submitted the following:

The Sub-Board of the First District report the following transfer, promotion and appointment, to take effect November 1, 1874:

Transfer Miss Kate E. Rawlings from Female Intermediate No. 3 to Female Intermediate No. 2, vice Miss Nellie F. Reed, who has not assumed her place. Promote Miss Fannie E. Jullien from Secondary No. 2 to Female Intermediate No. 3, vice Miss Kate E. Rawlings, transferred. Appoint Miss M. Ella Morgan acting teacher of Secondary No. 2, vice Miss Fannie E. Jullien, promoted. Also to change Primary school No. 10, to Secondary No. 14; and Primary school No. 13, to Secondary No. 11; change Primary school No. 14, to Primary No. 10; and Primary school No. 15, to Primary No. 13.

A. HART,
GEO. W. DYER,
Sub-Board First District.

Confirmed.

Mr. DETRICK submitted the following:

The sub-board of the Second District report as follows: Appoint Miss Anna Bell Milan acting teacher of Primary No. 10, to take effect from September 17, 1874; also, Miss Ada H. Willey acting teacher of Primary No. 17, to take effect from September 21, 1874.

R. B. DETRICK, *Trustee*.

Mr. FRENCH submitted the following:

The Sub-Board of the Third District nominate Miss Mary Emma Little, acting teacher of Primary school No. 15, to take effect from the first of November.

E. F. FRENCH,
CHAS. E. HOVEY,
Sub-Board.

Confirmed.

Mr. LLOYD, from the Sub-Board of the Fourth District, made the following report, which was received:

The promotion of Mrs Martha Barnes to Secondary No. 9, the promotion of Miss Annie M. Whitmore to Primary No. 9, the appointment of Miss Isabella Haliday as acting teacher of Primary No. 11, and the appointment of Miss Hannah M. Tunnell as sub-assistant. All took effect October 1, 1874.

Placed on file.

Mr. PACKARD, from the County Sub-Board, submitted the following :

WASHINGTON, November 10, 1874.

The County Sub-Board ask for the following confirmations :

Miss A. A. Fairley, acting teacher of school No. 1, Fifth District, vice Frank Brooks, resigned; Amelia C. Williamson, acting temporary assistant teacher of school No. 2, Seventh District, vice John Covington, resigned; promote John E. Chappell, school No. 1, Second District; promote J. H. Voorhees, school No. 2, Sixth District; promote Sarah A. Shimm, school No. 2, Seventh District, from acting to full principal.

B. F. PACKARD,
C. B. SMITH,
P. L. BROOKE,
J. S. BROWN.

Confirmed.

Mr. HART submitted the following, which was agreed to :

Resolved, That Trustees W. W. Curtis and F. W. Moffatt be appointed to represent this Board as members of the committee on the erection of a Public School Building in Georgetown, provided for by an act of the Legislative Assembly of the District of Columbia, approved June 26, 1873.

Mr. J. S. BROWN submitted the annual report of the Sub-Board of County Schools for 1873-'74, which was referred to the Committee on Annual Report.

Also the following, which was agreed to :

Resolved, That one hundred and fifty copies of the annual report of the Sub-Board of County Schools for 1873-'74 be ordered printed, for the use of the Board of Trustees.

Mr. MOFFATT presented the annual report of the Sub-Board of the Public Schools of Georgetown for 1873-'74.

Received, and 150 copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Board of Trustees.

Mr. CHAMPLIN offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That hereafter the superintendent shall notify the teachers and other employees of the Board of Trustees when and where they shall assemble to receive their pay.

Mr. PACKARD moved to strike out superintendent and insert secretary.

Agreed to.

The resolution, as amended, was then agreed to.

Mr. LLOYD presented the report of the teacher of music.

Referred to Superintendent J. O. Wilson.

Mr. HOVEY submitted the following, which, after discussion, was lost :

Resolved, That the honorable Commissioners be requested to authorize the employment of the inspector of boilers, or some other competent person, at an expense not exceeding \$70 per month while actually employed, to instruct and supervise the janitors in the care and use of steam boilers and apparatus used for heating the school buildings of the city.

Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Messrs. J. S. Brown, French, Hovey, Lloyd, Moffatt, and Packard.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Messrs. Brooke, Brooks, Champlin, Curtis, Hart, Johnson, and Detrick.

Mr. DETRICK offered the following, which was agreed to :

Resolved, That the Committee on Legislation is hereby instructed to procure, if possible, such modifications of the act of Congress, approved June 20, 1874, as will restore to the superintendent and janitors of the Public Schools the compensation which they received prior to the passage of said act.

The Chair announced the Committee on Rules, inadvertently omitted at the last meeting: J. S. Brown, W. R. Woodward, and Henry Johnson.

On motion, the Board then adjourned.

SPECIAL MEETING.

FRANKLIN SCHOOL BUILDING,
Washington, November 12, 1874.

The Board of Trustees in and for the District of Columbia, at the call of the President, met at the Franklin School Building, November 12, 1874; W. W. Curtis, president, in the chair; John H. Brooks, secretary.

Present: Messrs. Hart, Detrick, Curtis, Champlin, Packard, Lloyd, Hovey, Johnson, Brooks, and French.

The following communication was read for information of the Board, and as the reasons for calling a special meeting:

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,
Washington, D. C., November 11, 1874.

Ordered, That the Board of Trustees of Public Schools be, and it is hereby, requested to report to this Commission, on or before the 20th instant, the condition of the Public Schools, with any recommendations it wishes to have submitted to Congress by this Commission in its report; also, to forward an estimate of the amounts that will be required from the 1st of December, 1874, to the 30th of June, 1875, and for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1876.

Copy furnished for the information of the Board of Trustees of Public Schools.
By order:

WM. TINDALL, *Secretary.*

Mr. HOVEY submitted the following:

Resolved, 1st. That the communication of the honorable Commissioners, be referred to a special committee of five members of the Board for consideration.

2d. That when this Board adjourn, it be to meet on Thursday evening next, at 7.30 o'clock, to consider the report of their special committee.

Adopted.

The Chair announced the special committee, as follows: Messrs. Hovey, Champlin, Hart, Johnson, and J. S. Brown.

On motion, the President of the Board was added to the committee as its chairman.

The bill of Jos. L. Savage for \$335.60, was approved.

On motion, the Board then adjourned, to meet on the 19th instant, at 7.30 p. m.

ADJOURNED MEETING.

FRANKLIN SCHOOL BUILDING,
Washington, November 19, 1874.

Pursuant to adjournment the Board of Trustees in and for the District of Columbia met on the above date; W. W. Curtis, esq., in the chair; John H. Brooks, secretary.

Present: Messrs. J. S. Brown, Champlin, Detrick, Dyer, French, Hart, Hovey, Johnson Lloyd, Moffatt, Packard, Ryder, Smith, and Woodward.

By consent, a number of bills were presented and referred to the Committee on Supplies and Accounts.

Mr. HART, from the Committee on Supplies and Accounts, reported that the salaries of officers, teachers, and janitors for the month of October, amounted to \$19,699.78.

The Secretary submitted, for the information of the Board, the following communications:

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,
Washington, D. C., November 13, 1874.

Ordered, That the Board of Trustees of Public Schools be, and they are hereby, requested to have contracts regularly executed in writing, at the earliest practicable moment, in all cases of rental of houses or rooms for public school purposes, where the same have not been made; and that they file in this office copies, certified by the Secretary of the Board, of all such contracts that have been made, and that may hereafter be made, under the direction of this Commission.

Official copy furnished for the information of the Board of Trustees of Public Schools of the District of Columbia.

By order:

WM. TINDALL, *Secretary.*

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,
Washington, D. C., November 12, 1874.

SIR: I am directed to inform you that the Commissioners have contracted for the use of the lot on I street, between Second and Third streets northwest, belonging to General Robert Williams, for purposes of a public-school play-ground, from August 31, 1874, to August 31, 1875, at an annual rental of three hundred (\$300) dollars, payable quarterly.

Very respectfully,

WM. TINDALL, *Secretary.*

W. W. CURTIS, Esq.,

President Board of Trustee Public School of District of Columbia.

Also the following:

AUDITOR'S OFFICE, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, COLUMBIAN BUILDING,
Washington, November, 1874.

SIR: You are respectfully advised that, with all bills for supplies purchased outside of contract, a duly authenticated copy of the authority under which purchased must be transmitted to the Auditor's office before such bills can be audited for payment.

You are further advised that *all* bills should distinctly set forth the class of schools from whose account they are to be paid. Several bills are now on file here which cannot be audited for the reason that the Auditor is unable to make the proper charges on his books. Among them are the bills of Warren Choate & Co., J. L. Savage, and others.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant.

JOHN H. BROOKS, Esq.,

Secretary of the Board of Trustees of Public Schools.

JOHN T. VINSON, *Auditor, D. C.*

Mr. FRENCH submitted the following:

The Sub-Board of the Third District reports the following changes:
 Change the name of Secondary school No. 1 to Male Intermediate school No. 9 to Secondary school No. 1, Secondary school No. 4 to Secondary school No. 2, Secondary school No. 6 to Secondary school No. 4, Secondary school No. 8 to Secondary school No. 6, Secondary school No. 11 to Secondary school No. 7, Secondary school No. 10 to Secondary school No. 8, Secondary school No. 7 to Secondary school No. 9, Secondary school No. 12 to Secondary school No. 10.
 E. F. FRENCH.
 C. E. HOVEY.

Confirmed.

Mr. LLOYD submitted the following:

The Sub-Board of the Fourth District reports the following changes:
 Change the name of Secondary school No. 4 to Female Intermediate school No. 4, Secondary school No. 6 to Secondary school No. 4, Primary school No. 2 to Secondary school No. 6, Primary school No. 6 to Primary school No. 2, Primary school No. 13 to Primary school No. 6.
 Confirmed.

Mr. Hovey, from the Special Committee, submitted the following report:

The special committee appointed by the Board to prepare a reply to the communication of the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, addressed to the Board on the 11th inst., begs leave to present the following:

The whole number of pupils enrolled in the Public Schools of the District of Columbia, for the school year ending August 31, 1874, was as follows: White, 11,512; colored, 6,327; total, 17,839. The whole number of teachers employed, was 276. The average number of pupils enrolled in private schools during the same period was 6,993. Estimated number of pupils that will be enrolled in the Public Schools during the school year ending August 31, 1875, 19,000. The number of youth of school age (6 to 17 years inclusive) in the District of Columbia, according to the United States Census of 1870, was: White, 21,177; colored, 10,494; total, 31,671.

In 1864 the whole number of pupils enrolled in all the Public Schools of the District of Columbia was about 5,000, and of this number the colored pupils did not exceed 100.

About 4,000 children are now compelled to attend schools in rented rooms, most of which are not well adapted to the purpose, and many are badly lighted and ventilated, damp and unhealthy. For these rooms, 68 in number, an annual rent of about \$20,000 is paid, and, in addition, a large sum is expended in fitting up and repairing them. To purchase sites and erect suitable, plain, but substantial buildings to meet the present wants of the public schools of the District, will require an expenditure of \$500,000.

The following statements and estimates of expenses are submitted:

Statement of expenses of the Public Schools of the District of Columbia for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1874:

Salaries of teachers, officers, and janitors.....	\$222,574 78
Rent of school rooms.....	14,692 76
Contingent expenses, including fuel, stove fixtures, books, stationery, house-furnishing goods, repairs, printing annual report, blanks, &c., gas, night-work, insurance, medals, diplomas, &c.....	73,785 36
School furniture.....	1,042 20
Total.....	312,095 60

Statement of expenses of the Public Schools of the District of Columbia from July 1, to November 30, 1874:

Salaries of teachers, officers, and janitors.....	\$59,300 00
Rent of school rooms.....	7,802 10
Contingent expenses, including fuel and stove fixtures, books and stationery, house-furnishing goods, repairs, gas, advertising, printing, insurance, (partly estimated)	35,690 83
New furniture.....	3,890 58
Total.....	\$106,683 51

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Estimate of expenses of the Public Schools of the District of Columbia from December 1, 1874, to June 30, 1875:

Salaries of teachers, officers, and janitors.....	\$180,000 00
Rent of school rooms.....	10,922 90
Contingent expenses, including fuel, books, stationery, house-furnish- ing goods, repairs, printing annual report, blanks, &c., medals, diplomas, gas, night-work, insurance, &c.....	35,000 00 5,000 00
New furniture, (Georgetown school building).....	
Total.....	230,922 90

Estimate of expenses of the Public Schools of the District of Columbia for the school year commencing July 1, 1875, and ending June 30, 1876:

Salaries of teachers, officers, and janitors.....	\$265,000 00
Rent of school rooms.....	22,000 00
Contingent expenses, including fuel, stove fixtures, books, stationery, house-furnishing goods, repairs, printing annual report, minutes, blanks, &c., medals, diplomas, gas, night-work, insurance, &c....	90,000 00 6,000 00
New furniture	
Total.....	383,000 00

The reasons for asking Congress to aid in establishing and supporting a system of public schools for the District of Columbia may be briefly stated as follows:

1. About one-third of the school population is colored, composed largely of the "wards of the nation" who have come into the District since the beginning of the war. They add but little if anything to the school revenues.

2. About thirty per cent. of the enrollment in the white schools is composed of children whose parents or guardians are in the employ of the United States Government, and the school revenues receive but little benefit from these residents.

3. The United States Government is the owner of about one-half of all the real estate in the District of Columbia.

4. The Government has from time to time made most liberal donations of public lands to aid in establishing and sustaining common schools in all the Territories as they became States. The District of Columbia, the permanent seat of the Government, over which Congress exercises exclusive legislation in all cases whatsoever, has had no share in the distribution of these educational benefactions.

In considering the future government of the schools the committee has not lost sight of their present condition. There are now in the District, white and colored, city and country schools, and these conditions must be regarded in forming an efficient organization for their management. The committee therefore recommend a general board of education for the District of Columbia, which shall exercise a general and uniform control over all the schools, and have power to create such school districts and subordinate boards of trustees to attend to the local duties of these districts as the conditions above alluded to may require.

The following outline of such an organization is therefore suggested: A board of education for the District of Columbia, to consist of seven members, to be appointed by the executive of said District, and be divided into three classes, the first and second classes to consist of two members each, and the third class of three members, one class to be appointed each year, and the term of office to be three years. This board of education to have full control of all public-school property, and of all funds collected or appropriated for public schools in the District of Columbia. To have power to appoint a secretary, at a salary of not exceeding fifteen hundred dollars per annum, who, in addition to his other duties, shall make the disbursements, and keep the accounts of the board: To continue and establish schools for the free education of all youth of school age resident within the District of Columbia: To fix the number and salaries of teachers and decide upon their qualifications, and to confirm the appointments of all teachers and remove them at pleasure: To fix the number and salaries of janitors and other employees: To make proper rules and regulations for the government of the schools, prescribe a course of study and adopt text books for the same: To appoint superintendents of schools, one of whom shall be assigned to the colored schools of Washington and Georgetown: To divide the District of Columbia into school districts, the colored schools of Washington and Georgetown forming one district, and to appoint in each district officers to be designated trustees, who shall have charge of the schools in their respective districts, and perform such duties as may be prescribed by the board: To cause to be taken,

once in two years, an enumeration of all unmarried youth, noting race, sex, and age of each youth, between six and twenty-one years of age, inclusive. It should be the duty of the board of education to disburse all funds appropriated for the use of the public schools of the District of Columbia, so that the schools for colored children shall receive "such a proportionate part of all moneys received or expended for public school or educational purposes, including the cost of sites, buildings, furniture, books, and all other expenditures on account of schools, as the colored children between the ages of six and sixteen years, inclusive, in the District of Columbia bear to the whole number of children, white and colored, between the same ages," and no discrimination shall be made in respect to the time when payments to the white and the colored schools shall be made: To annually make to the executive of the District of Columbia a full report of their proceedings for the previous year, rendering a full account of the condition of the schools, and the expenditures for the same, and giving an estimate in detail of the amount of funds required during the next succeeding school year, and to furnish such information as may be required from time to time by the executive of the District.

W. W. CURTIS.
CHAS. E. HOVEY.
A. HART.
J. S. BROWN.
HENRY JOHNSON.
E. CHAMPLIN.

Mr. LLOYD offered the following as a substitute; and there being no second to the proposition, it was not considered:

Recommended that the executive of the District of Columbia divide off said District into school districts, and that trustees be appointed to each of said school districts, and that the colored schools of the District of Columbia be made and constituted one of said school districts. That there shall be organized a board of education, to be composed of one member from each school district, to be selected by a majority vote of each of the respective school districts, &c.

The report of the special committee was then adopted.
On motion, the Board then adjourned.

REGULAR STATED MEETING.

FRANKLIN SCHOOL BUILDING,
Washington, December 8, 1874.

The Board of Trustees of Public Schools in and for the District of Columbia met on the above date; the President, W. W. Curtis, esq., in the chair; John H. Brooks, secretary.

Present: Messrs. J. S. Brown, S. G. Brown, Brooke, Champlin, Detrick, Dyer, Ferguson, French, Hart, Johnson, Lloyd, Moffatt, Packard, Ryder, Smith, and Woodward.

On motion, the reading of the minutes was dispensed with, and they were approved as printed.

Mr. MOFFATT presented the applications of John Young and William N. Fuller, for the position of janitor of the new school building in Georgetown.

Referred to the Sub-board of the Fifth District.

Mr. DETRICK presented a communication from P. F. Milligan, asking permission to give an entertainment before the scholars of the Public Schools, and to have the use of the Seaton school building for that purpose.

Mr. DETRICK moved that permission be granted.

Rejected.

Mr. LLOYD presented the report of the music teacher of the First and Second Districts.

Referred to Superintendent J. O. Wilson.

The Superintendents submitted the following abstract of reports of the Public Schools of the District of Columbia for November, 1874:

	Washington.	George- town.	County.	Total.
1. Whole number of pupils enrolled:				
White.....	8,840	841	651	10,332
Colored.....	4,111	321	843	5,275
Total.....	12,951	1,162	1,494	15,607
2. Number of pupils on the rolls the last day of the month:				
White.....	8,551	797	615	9,963
Colored.....	3,935	316	774	5,025
Total.....	12,486	1,113	1,389	14,988
3. Average number of pupils in daily attendance:				
White.....	8,184	763	507	9,454
Colored.....	3,874	312	630	4,816
Total.....	12,058	1,075	1,137	14,270
4. Percentage of attendance:				
White.....	95.4	95.0	85.8	
Colored.....	97.1	97.7	85.6	
5. Number of teachers employed:				
White.....	156	16	15	187
Colored.....	83	7	17	107
Total.....	239	23	32	294
6. Number of cases of tardiness:				
White.....	331	247	....	578
Colored.....	358	10	....	368
Total.....	689	257	....	946

	Washington.	George-town.	County.	Total.
7. Number of cases of corporal punishment :				
White.....	11	13	34	58
Colored.....	28	1	27	66
Total.....	49	14	61	124
8. Number of pupils dismissed :				
White.....	12	3	....	15
Colored.....	29	....	....	29
Total.....	41	3	....	44

J. ORMOND WILSON,
GEO. F. T. COOK,
Superintendents.

The following communication was received from Superintendent Wilson :

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS,
FRANKLIN BUILDING,
Washington, D. C., December 8, 1874.

To the Board of Trustees of Public Schools :

GENTLEMAN: At the annual meeting of the National Educational Association held at Detroit in August last, the Department of Superintendence adjourned to meet in Washington during the present winter, at the call of the officers of the Department. I have therefore to suggest to the Board the propriety of appointing a Special Committee which shall co-operate with the officers of the Department of Superintendence in making suitable arrangements for the meeting.

Very respectfully,

J. ORMOND WILSON,
Superintendent.

On motion, a committee of one from each district was appointed to carry out the suggestion contained in the communication. The Chair announced as the special committee, Messrs. Woodward, Hart, Hovey, Lloyd, Moffat, Johnson, and Smith.

Also the following :

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS,
FRANKLIN BUILDING,
Washington, D. C., December 8, 1874.

To the Board of Trustees of Public Schools :

GENTLEMAN: The following-named teacher of a first grade school having given "satisfactory proof of successful experience," I beg leave to recommend that her name be placed upon the list of teachers receiving the advanced salary authorized to be paid in such cases by an act of the City Councils, approved May 23, 1868, the increase of salary to take effect from November 1, 1874: Miss Maron J. Malone, Second District.

Respectfully submitted.

J. ORMOND WILSON,
Superintendent.

Recommendation approved.

Mr. DETRICK, from the Sub-Board of the Second District, reported the following promotions and transfers of teachers :

Promote Miss Clara C. Baker, from Secondary No. 3 to be acting teacher of Female Intermediate No. 5; transfer Miss Amanda M. East, from Secondary No. 5 to Secondary No. 3; promote Miss Cornelia H. Ellis, from Primary No. 1 to be acting teacher of Secondary No. 5; all to take effect September 16, 1874. Transfer Miss Roberta Freeland, from Primary No. 8, First District, to Primary No. 1, Second District, to take effect September 1, 1874.

W. R. WOODWARD.
R. B. DETRICK.

Confirmed.

Mr. LLOYD, from the Sub-board of the Fourth District, reported the following change in the name of a school: Change the name of Secondary School No. 9 to Secondary School No. 10.

Confirmed.

Mr. HART, from Committee on Drawing and Penmanship, submitted the following:

Resolved, That no person shall be permitted to give instruction in the Public Schools of the District of Columbia without the authority of this Board.
A. HART, Chairman.

By request of the Chair the resolution was laid over until the next meeting of the Board.

Mr. CHAMPLIN, chairman of the Committee on Supplies and Accounts, reported the following bills and recommended their approval:

S. J. Thomson, \$120; W. H. Harrover, \$204.32; Henry W. Hinkle, \$18, \$11.50—\$29.50; Wm. Ballantyne, \$7.30, \$14.28, \$126.87, \$1,291.98, \$54.46, \$69.14, \$47.80—\$1,611.83; Holtzelaw & Graham, \$10.27, \$452.33, \$1,004.96—\$1,467.56; Pettit & Drips, \$11.02; Charles Armer, \$10; A. R. Shepherd, \$75; Evangelical Association, \$100; Geo. W. Cissel, \$250; R. S. Parks, \$20; First Congregational Church, \$83.33; H. I. Gregory, \$298.30, \$69.75—\$368.05; T. Edw. Clark & Co., \$61.83, \$62.27, \$21.26, \$697.02, \$17.40—\$859.78; Marg. Schuier, \$3; T. V. Noonan, \$10; J. C. Wilson, \$53.75; Wilson Smith, \$2; W. W. Rapley, \$127.40, \$446.95, \$336.75—\$911.10; Geo. F. Gulick, \$166.66; W. Nottingham, \$45, \$22.50—\$67.50; Gray & Noyes, \$4.44; MacNichol & Beam, \$193.20; A. R. Shepherd, \$46.75, \$4.25—\$51; William Kolb, \$123.29, \$54.55, \$110.92—\$288.76; J. W. Barker, \$84.29; S. S. Hunt, \$100.92; C. H. Parker, \$8; Trustees Luthern Church, \$29; W. W. Curtis, \$135; West Street Presbyterian Church, \$75, \$60—\$135; J. S. Beam, \$167.95; Daily Critic, \$2.50; J. S. Brown, \$3.35; J. C. Wilson, \$21.50; S. G. Brown, \$3.50; Stephen Wells, \$19; Henry Warren, \$234; Geo. H. Brooks, \$80; Richard T. Greener, \$150; John H. Brown, \$1,166, \$6.75, \$10—\$1,182.75; Curtis B. Graham, \$129.70; G. Y. AtLee, \$3.50; McGill & Witherow, \$109.25. Total, \$9,960.56.

Upon motion, they were approved.

Mr. CHAMPLIN also submitted the following from the same committee:

Resolved, That all creditors of the Board of Trustees of Public Schools of the District of Columbia be, and they are hereby, requested to present their bills to said Board promptly on the 1st of each month.

Adopted.

Mr. HART, from the Committee on Accounts, submitted the following financial statement for November, 1874:

Amount of salaries of teachers, janitors, and officers.....	\$20,436 06
Contingent expenses.....	9,960 56
Total.....	\$30,396 62

Mr. HART also reported the following bills, contracted by the late School Boards, as having been examined by the Committee on Supplies and Accounts, and recommended their approval:

Thomas C. Basshor & Co., \$50.25, \$900—\$950.25; W. H. Marlow, \$146.23; Wm. Durr, \$325; John Barry, \$158.65, \$173.40, \$5.75—\$337.80; John H. Brown, \$63.75; John Robbins, \$81.42; Wm. McLean, \$67.64; R. I. Flemming, \$1,303.92; R. M. A. Fenwick, \$17.50; Geo. W. Cissel, \$250; John C. McKelden, \$300, \$300—\$600; Chr. Riessner, \$4; J. R. Ruggles, treasurer, \$7.50; J. H. Kuchling, \$9.87; Evangelical Association, \$100, \$100—\$200; A. R. Shepherd, \$73.95, \$321.50, \$824.90—\$1,146.40; C. H. Burgess & Co., \$213.46; W. H. Edinburgh, \$81; Jos. Ambush, \$22.50; S. W. Slater, treasurer, \$13.33; Wm. Nottingham, \$60; Memorial Parish, \$105; Somerville & Leitch, \$779.75; Wm. Nottingham, \$207.95, \$180.10—\$388.05; John Kelsor, \$35; Wm. H. Brown, \$29.08; Dickson & King, \$282.55, \$279.95, \$562.50; Samuel Lewis, \$55.50; Clark & Given, \$161.88; W. C. Lipscomb, jr., \$12.43; Robert F. Martin, \$30.88; Wm. Guinand, \$45.23; H. I. Gregory, \$83.50; Geo. L. Sheriff, \$365; O. C. Wright and Horace J. Frost, \$398; C. B. Church & Co., \$60; David T. Williamson, \$12; Daily Critic, \$5.34; W. H. Nally, \$245; A. R. Shepherd & Co., \$195.25; Addison Clayton, \$395; McGill & Witherow, \$893.80; W. Koch, \$16.

On motion they were approved and ordered to be filed with the Board of Audit.

Mr. HART also presented the following estimates of expenses of the Public Schools of the District of Columbia, which were submitted by the President to the Commissioners of the District of Columbia:

Estimates of expenses of the Public Schools of the District of Columbia.

		Totals.				
		Salaries of teachers, officers, and janitors.	Rent of school-rooms.	Repairs of school-houses.	Contingent expenses, including fuel, stoves, books, stationery, house-furnishing goods, printing annual reports and blanks, insurance, medals, diplomas, gas, night-work, &c.	School furniture.
From December 1, 1874, to June 30, 1875.						
Public schools of Washington	\$97,373 07	\$9,240 40	\$2,000 00	\$15,833 33		\$124,446 80
Public schools of Georgetown	10,228 31	337 50	150 00	5,500 00		21,210 81
Public schools of County of Washington, (both white and colored),	18,700 00	100 00	250 00	2,300 00		21,350 00
Public schools for colored children of Washington and Georgetown	23,703 62	1,245 00	1,000 00	7,966 67		63,915 29
Total	\$150,000 00	\$10,922 90	\$3,400 00	\$31,600 00	\$5,000 00	\$230,922 90
1875 and 1876.						
Public schools of Washington	\$146,471 00	\$20,000 00	\$16,500 00	\$32,700 00	\$3,400 00	\$219,071 00
Public schools of Georgetown	13,600 00		500 00	5,500 00		19,600 00
Public schools of County of Washington, (both white and colored),	26,250 00		3,500 00	3,750 00	1,000 00	34,500 00
Public schools for colored children of Washington and Georgetown	78,679 00	2,000 00	5,000 00	22,550 00	1,000 00	109,829 00
Total	\$265,000 00	\$22,000 00	\$25,500 00	\$64,500 00	\$5,000 00	\$383,000 00

Mr. HART, from the Committee on Supplies and Accounts, also reported that the accounts of Crandell & Riley and Germond Crandell, referred by the Board of Audit to this Board for examination, were found to be in excess of amount due, and that the bills of Mr. Knowles and Steever required further examination.

On motion, the several accounts and bills were referred to the Committee on Supplies and Accounts with instructions to certify to the facts and return the same to the Board of Audit.

Mr. J. S. BROWN submitted the following :

Resolved, That the Committee on Legislation be directed to take the necessary steps before Congress, if necessary, to secure the payment of outstanding miscellaneous bills against the School Boards of the District, occurring prior to June 20, 1874, in cash, out of the respective funds of the cities and county.

Adopted.

Mr. DETRICK, from the Committee on Teachers, submitted the following :

The Committee on Teachers for the Public Schools of Washington and Georgetown desire to give notice that an examination of applicants for teachers' positions and for promotions will be held on Saturday the 19th inst., in the Franklin Building, at 9 o'clock a. m.

Mr. JOHNSON submitted the following :

Resolved, That the school building for colored children located at the corner of Delaware avenue and First street southwest be hereafter known as the "Randall" School Building.

Adopted.

Mr. CHAMPLIN submitted the following :

Resolved, That the superintendents of the Public Schools in the District of Columbia be, and they are hereby, authorized to organize half-day schools in the primary grades of said schools in any case where, on account of large attendance or great demand for seats, it is their judgment that the best interests of the schools require that this should be done: *Provided*, That the number of such schools and pupils attending the same during the present school year shall be stated in the monthly reports of the superintendents to this Board.

Mr. LLOYD moved that "superintendents" be struck out and the "respective sub-boards" be inserted.

Carried.

Mr. HART moved to lay the resolution, as amended, on the table until the next meeting of the Board.

Carried.

On motion, the Board then adjourned.

REGULAR STATED MEETING.

FRANKLIN SCHOOL BUILDING,
Washington, January 12, 1875.

The Board of Trustees of Public Schools in and for the District of Columbia met on the above date; the president, W. W. Curtis, esq., in the chair; John H. Brooks, secretary.

Present: Messrs. French, Dyer, Hart, Ferguson, Detrick, Champlin, Packard Lloyd, Moffatt, Johnson, Ryder, and Smith.

On motion, the reading of the minutes was dispensed with, and they were approved as printed.

The secretary presented a communication from Mrs. F. A. Springer, complaining of the conduct of principal R. M. McKee, of the First District.

On motion and by request of Mr. HART, a member of the Sub-Board of said District, the communication was referred to a special committee, composed of Messrs. Champlin, Detrick, and French, for investigation.

The secretary also presented, for the information of the Board, the following communication addressed to the honorable Commissioners of the District of Columbia, and the opinion of the Attorney of the District of Columbia thereon, which was ordered to be printed in the minutes:

OFFICE SUB-BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF COLORED SCHOOLS OF WASHINGTON AND GEORGETOWN, *Sumner Building, Washington, August 25, 1874.*

To the Honorable the Commissioners of the District of Columbia:

GENTLEMEN: We have the honor most respectfully to call your attention to the act of Congress approved July 23d, 1866, which provides "that the cities of Washington and Georgetown shall pay to the Trustees of Colored Schools such a proportionate part of all moneys received or expended for school or educational purposes, including the cost of sites, buildings, furniture, and books, and all other expenditures on account of schools, as the colored children between the ages of six and seventeen years in the respective cities bear to the whole number of children, white and colored, between the same ages; the money shall be payable on the first day of October of each year, and, if not then paid, interest at the rate of 10 per cent. per annum may be demanded;" and the act of the Legislative Assembly of the District of Columbia entitled "An act to secure the simultaneous payment of dues to the white and colored schools of Washington and Georgetown," approved June 23, 1873, for the purpose of informing you that the sum of fifty-three thousand dollars has been expended for the erection of a public school building in the city of Georgetown, and that the proportion due the colored schools of \$30,000 of the above amount has not been allowed or paid, in accordance with the acts above cited.

It is necessary to a correct understanding of this question to give a brief antecedent legislative history of the act authorizing the erection of the building, and the borrowing of money to pay for the same. The great importance of securing promptly, when due, the proportionate amount of all moneys expended for educational purposes in the cities of Washington and Georgetown, due the colored schools of said cities, was by the trustees of colored schools clearly seen from the start, and it was always a matter for serious consideration, and the cause of frequent and extended correspondence with the late municipal authorities of Washington and Georgetown, as well as the late government of the District of Columbia, and in several cases the occasion of special legislation by Congress and the late Legislative Assembly of the District of Columbia.

Upon the reporting of the bill authorizing the erection of a building for the public schools of Georgetown, by a committee of the late Council, Mr. Brooks, a member of that body, inquired of the chairman "what provisions were made in the bill for the prompt payment of the amounts that would become due the colored schools under the requirements of the act of Congress of July 23d, 1866?" The chairman of the committee stated "that the matter of paying any sums that might become due the colored schools had not been considered." Whereupon Mr. Brooks made a statement showing that the act of Congress was imperative upon the authorities of the District of Columbia, as the successor to the late municipal governments of the cities of Washington and Georgetown, to pay the proportionate amounts due the colored schools. Dr. Reily, the member of the Council from Georgetown, said, in reply to Mr. Brooks, "that the principal amount of the funds necessary to erect the building would be borrowed from the trustees of the Linthicum fund, and that the amount so borrowed would be regarded as a 'private fund,' of which the colored schools would not be entitled to any proportion or part. That the funds so borrowed being regarded as 'private,' the colored schools must wait until a tax was levied and collected to pay the debt, when the money would be regarded as 'public money,' and their proportion would be allowed and paid."

Mr. Brooks replied, that as the money was to be borrowed by the District of Columbia, through its agents and servants, the trustees of the public schools of Georgetown, and as public property was to be mortgaged to secure payment of the money borrowed, as well as a tax levied and collected for the payment of the debt, he (Mr. Brooks) could not regard money so borrowed as "private funds;" if the money borrowed was to be regarded as "private funds" where was the necessity for legislative action? How could the Council authorize public property to be mortgaged to secure a private debt? or how could the proper accounting officer of the Government take up a private account upon his books? In his (Mr. Brooks) opinion, money borrowed by authority of law, by the Trustees of the Public Schools, who were acting as the agents of the government of the District of Columbia, was in every sense to be regarded as "public funds," and that in its expenditure for the erection of a public school building, the colored schools were clearly entitled to their proportion under the act of Congress of July 23d, 1866. If the views of the gentleman who held that money so borrowed was "private funds" were correct, then the District of Columbia could borrow one million dollars and erect public school buildings for the accommodation of the white children at once, and defer the payment of the proportion due the colored schools until the money was collected from the people and paid into the treasury, which might be in one or twenty years. Such a construction of the act of Congress which contemplates placing the schools of the white and colored children upon an equal footing, would enable the authorities of the District of Columbia to prevent the education of the colored children of the present generation by denying them school accommodation during the period at which (between the ages of 6 and 17 years) they can be admitted into these schools according to law. The bill, at the request of the chairman, was recommitted, and was not again reported in the same shape. After the bill had remained in the hands of the committee for some length of time, a delegation of the Trustees, with ex-Governor Cook, waited upon Mr. Brooks and other members of the Council, at their Chamber, and urged the same views as had been expressed by Dr. Reily in the Council, and asked that the bill be again reported and passed, but the opposition of Mr. Brooks and others prevented any action being taken. Finally, near the end of the session, a committee of Trustees, with the contractor and Superintendent J. O. Wilson, waited upon Mr. Brooks and requested that gentleman to "suggest some plan by which ample justice would be done the colored schools, and his objections to the bill removed." Mr. Brooks stated to the committee that "he was anxious to have the building erected, and had no desire to claim a part of any particular fund that the Trustees might borrow to build the school-house, if they (the Trustees) would consent that the District of Columbia should guarantee the prompt payment of the proportion that would become due the colored schools of all moneys expended under the authority of the proposed bill for educational purposes, his objections would be removed. Upon this final agreement a clause was inserted in the appropriation bill, under which authority the money has been borrowed and expended. That the prompt payment of all amounts that would become due the colored schools by the authorized expenditures for the erection of the public school building in Georgetown was fully understood by all parties concerned, will be seen by sec. 4 of the act approved June 26, 1873, which provides, "that the entire amount expended under this act shall not exceed the sum of ninety thousand dollars and the proportion due the colored schools."

The clause of the bill just quoted, together with the provisions of the act approved June 23, 1873, three days before the approval of the act in question, which requires the *simultaneous payment of all dues of the white and colored schools*, were regarded by all parties at the time as ample guarantee for the prompt payment of all moneys that would become due the colored schools under the act of Congress of July 23, 1866, and a claim for amounts found to be due would have been promptly filed by the Trustees of the Colored Schools, but for the reason that by some irregular methods of representing this expenditure, it was not shown upon the books of the Comptroller until the indebtedness of the District of Columbia was reported by that officer to Congress.

We therefore beg to submit:

First. That the Governor of the District of Columbia and the Trustees of the Public Schools of Georgetown, acting as the agents of the government of the District of Columbia, borrowed from the Trustees of the Linthicum fund \$30,000 under authority of an act of the Legislative Assembly of the District of Columbia, for which public property belonging to said District of Columbia was mortgaged for security of payment; that the money so borrowed was expended for the erection of a public school building in the city of Georgetown, and that under the act of Congress approved July 23, 1866, and of the Legislative Assembly of June 23, 1873, there is due the colored schools a proportion of all amounts expended, and should be allowed and immediately paid.

Secondly. That as only a proportion of money actually paid for the support of the public schools of Washington and Georgetown are allowed and paid for the support of the colored schools of said cities, it is absolutely necessary to the existence of the latter that the proportionate amounts that may become due be ascertained and promptly paid, in accordance with existing law; that the assumption that money borrowed by authority of law by the agents or servants of the Government for which public property is mortgaged, and the faith of the Government pledged to repay, is *not* "public," but "private," funds, and can be used to build public school buildings without regard to any proportion that may be claimed as due the colored schools under the acts of Congress and Legislative Assembly before mentioned, is *erroneous*, and in violation of the letter and spirit of the law, and would, if adhered to, effectually abolish for the present the colored schools in the cities of Washington and Georgetown.

In conclusion, gentlemen, we beg also to state that we are anxious to have the school building in Georgetown completed, and will gladly enter into any lawful arrangement, if it can be done, to have this indebtedness paid by the 3-65 bonds authorized by act of Congress.

The adjustment of this account is of such importance to the interest of the colored schools for the next school year commencing September 1, 1874, that we have to respectfully request a reply to this communication, as to what action the Commissioners may deem proper to take in the case.

We are, gentlemen, most respectfully,

HENRY JOHNSON,
JOHN H. BROOKS,

*Trustees and members of Sub-Board for Colored Schools
of Washington and Georgetown.*

WASHINGTON, January 4, 1875.

GENTLEMEN: I have carefully considered the communication of John H. Brooks, Trustee of Public Schools, in regard to the proportion of the public moneys due the colored schools.

The act of Congress of July 23, 1866, requires "the cities of Washington and Georgetown to pay over to the Trustees of Colored Schools of said cities, such a proportionate part of all moneys received or expended for school or educational purposes in said cities, including the cost of sites, buildings, improvements, furniture and books, and all other expenditures on account of schools, as the colored children, between the ages of six and seventeen years, in the respective cities bear to the whole number of children, white and colored, between the same ages."

The money is made payable October 1st, of each year, from which date, if unpaid, interest is to run at the rate of ten per cent; and the Trustees are authorized to bring an action of debt against said cities for any unpaid amount due them under the law.

The above act was acknowledged to be binding upon the District of Columbia by a statute of the Legislative Assembly, approved June 23, 1873, and the disburs-

ing officers of the District were directed to draw warrants for the proportionate sums due said colored schools; and it was provided that the amount so due should not be used "for any other purpose whatever."

These two acts are clear in their provisions. They define the proportions in which school money shall be expended upon the white and the colored schools and make the amount due the latter a debt which may be enforced at law. The legislation which, by changing the mode of appointment and removal of the Trustees, has made legal redress difficult, does not appear to have touched the essential rights of the colored schools.

The demand particularly insisted upon by Messrs. Brooks and Johnson is, that the proportion due the colored schools under the laws be paid them for the expenditure upon a school building in Georgetown, erected for the white children, partly before the 20th June, A. D. 1874, and still in progress.

Assuming that the facts are as represented, there is, in my opinion, no reason to doubt the validity of this claim. The Congressional act covers *all expenditures* on account of schools, and mentions specifically those for sites, buildings and improvements; and the Legislative act of June 26, 1873, providing for the purchase of the Georgetown site, and the completion of the building thereon, limits the amount to be expended to \$90,000, "*and the proportionate amount due the colored schools,*" thus recognizing that amount as a debt due by the District of Columbia.

It would seem that no part of this debt has been paid; and also, that neither the Comptroller nor any other of the accounting and disbursing officers of the District has complied with the Legislative act of June 23, 1873, directing them to give warrants on the Treasury or the Sinking Fund, for the proportionate amount due the colored schools. As this neglected duty can be complied with now as well as formerly, the statute being merely directory so far as time is concerned, I would respectfully recommend that it be attended to, distinguishing on their face between the amount due prior to June 20, 1874, and the amount due since that time.

The former is part of the unfunded and floating debt of the District, and, if evidenced by the certificates of the Auditor and Comptroller of the District, falls within the third class of claims submitted to the Board of Audit.

The proportionate amount due since the 20th of June, if any there be, should be paid out of the school building moneys received from the city of Georgetown, on taxation, if that fund be sufficient. If that fund shall have been exhausted by improvident payments made for the white schools, the debt is obligatory upon the District Government, and should be provided for. When paid, it should be charged to the corporation of Georgetown, with a view to subsequent reimbursement of the District.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. BIRNEY,
Assistant Attorney.

To the COMMISSIONERS, &c.

I concur in the inclosed opinion of the Assistant Attorney.

E. L. STANTON,
Attorney, D. C.

Applications for positions of teachers in the Public Schools were received from Mrs. C. A. L. K. White, Miss Bella C. Merrifield, of Washington, Miss Myra E. Love, of Washington, Miss Ellen F. and Sarah B. Goodwin, of Franklin, N. H., Mr. Chas. H. Nourse, and Thos. R. Watts.

Mr. MOFFATT presented applications for position of janitor and engineer for the new school building in Georgetown, of Messrs. G. B. Wibert, H. Hudson, and Geo. F. Miller.

Referred to Sub-Board of the Fifth District.

Superintendent Cook, in the absence of Superintendent J. O. WILSON, by request, submitted the report of the music teacher and assistant music teacher of the Public Schools of Washington.

The chairman of Committee on Music called special attention to the remarks of the music teacher and assistant complaining of a want of co-operation on the part of some of the teachers, and requested that each member of the Board would give personal attention to the correction of the same.

The Superintendents submitted the following abstract of reports of the Public Schools of the District of Columbia for December, 1874 :

	Washington.	George-town.	County.	Total.
1. Whole number of pupils enrolled :				
White.....	8,658	801	641	10,099
Colored	3,995	326	804	5,125
Total.....	12,653	1,126	1,445	15,224
2. Number of pupils on the rolls the last day of the month:				
White.....	8,276	773	596	9,645
Colored	3,813	338	738	4,889
Total.....	12,119	1,081	1,334	14,534
3. Average number of pupils in daily attendance :				
White.....	7,922	747	468	9,137
Colored	3,788	309	598	4,695
Total.....	11,710	1,056	1,066	13,832
4. Percentage of attendance :				
White.....	93.9	94.5	85.5	
Colored	96.5	96.3	87.7	
5. Number of teachers employed :				
White.....	156	16	15	187
Colored	83	7	17	107
Total.....	239	23	32	294
6. Number of cases of tardiness :				
White.....	333	218	....	551
Colored	323	24	....	347
Total.....	656	242	....	898
7. Number of cases of corporal punishment :				
White.....	11	8	20	39
Colored	46	7	14	67
Total.....	57	15	34	106
8. Number of pupils dismissed :				
White.....	21	1	....	22
Colored	22	2	....	24
Total.....	43	3	....	46

J. ORMOND WILSON,
GEO. F. T. COOK,
Superintendents.

Placed on file.

Mr. HART, from the Sub-Board of the First District, reported the following changes of teachers :

Promote Miss Ella M. Williams, acting teacher of Primary school No. 10, Second District, to be acting teacher of Secondary school No. 12, First District, to take effect September 1, 1874. Promote Miss Clara A. Hollinsworth, elected teacher of Primary school No. 10, to be teacher of Secondary school No. 14, to take effect January 1, 1875.

Transfer the following named teachers from the acting to the permanent list : Miss Rachel Jane Day, Miss Kate E. Rawlings, Miss Fannie E. Jullien, and Miss Mary Ella Morgan.

Confirmed.

Mr. DETRICK, from the Sub-Board of the Second District, reported the following changes of teachers :

Appoint Miss Anna L. Sargent, teacher of Primary school No. 18, from January 1, 1875.

Transfer the following-named teachers from the acting to the permanent list : Miss Cornelia H. Ellis, Miss Mary O. Whitney, and Miss Elizabeth L. Prather.

R. B. DETRICK.

Approved.

Mr. FRENCH, from the Sub-Board of the Third District, reported the following change of teacher :

Transfer Miss Symphronia M. Lusby from the acting to the permanent list.
E. F. FRENCH,
For Sub-Board.

Approved.

Mr. LLOYD, from the Sub-Board of the Fourth District, reported the following change of teacher :

Promote Miss Clara L. Wilson, elected acting teacher of Primary school No. 2, to be teacher of Secondary school No. 6, to take effect January 1, 1875.

Approved.

Mr. PACKARD, from Sub-Board of the Sixth District, asked the following confirmations:

Promote Miss A. A. Fairley from acting to permanent teacher of school No. 1, Fifth District.
B. F. PACKARD,
C. B. SMITH.

Confirmed.

Mr. CHAMPLIN, from the Committee on Supplies and Accounts, reported favorable the following bills, which, upon motion, were approved :

T. A. Newman, trustee, \$75; Trustees First Baptist Church, \$125; Rev. Charles I. White, \$250; Mary M. Mann, \$217.28; William Ballantyne, \$3.50, \$16, \$95.89, \$18.30, \$35.98, \$473.66, \$7.06, \$31.26, \$2.40, \$250.20—\$934.25; James Robbins, \$36.30, \$32.50, \$19.50—\$88.30; Gray & Noyes, \$7.17, \$12.84, \$6.50 \$47.14, \$7.17, \$9.60, \$2.44—\$92.86; Oderless Excavating Company, \$80, \$21.50, \$70.50, \$20, \$152—\$344; Washington Gas Light Company, \$27.25, \$19.25, \$17.25, \$9.90, \$13.25, \$6, \$2.75—\$95.65; W. W. Farr, \$3, \$3.50, \$1.50, \$2, \$30—\$40; Holtzclaw & Graham, \$6.01, \$234.16—\$240.17; Macnichol & Beam, \$14.74; Bright & Humphrey, \$200; T. Edw. Clark & Co., \$69.81, \$50.47—\$120.28; Robt. Boyd, \$78.23, \$18.36—\$96.59; J. W. Boteler & Bro., \$48.05, \$157.80—\$205.85; Thomas H. Dutton, \$46.20, \$33.90—\$80.10; Michael Fitzgerald, \$139.14; L. W. Slater, treasurer, \$60; L. H. Schneider, \$36.06; Henry Johnson, \$30; Wm. Nottingham, \$276.93, \$44.50—\$321.43; Thos. W. Smith, \$64.84; William Kolb, \$5.82; Wm. B. Moses, \$219.75; C. A. Parker, attorney, \$29; C. A. Parker, \$53; Jos. L. Savage, \$35; S. H. Donaldson, \$69.70; John G. Strobel, \$7.80; A. Hahl & Co., \$6.50, \$20.50, \$10—\$37; John C. McKelden, \$36.07; John Dixon, \$12; Chas. Memmert, \$42.75; Mrs. M. Frizzell, \$12; Wm. T. Burdett, \$9.10; Georgetown Courier, \$3; Lucy Doris, \$18.40; Frank Brooks, \$25; John R. Dale, \$15; Selby B. Seaggs, \$16; Charles Weaver, \$30; T. Rosenbusch, \$6.50; H. I. Gregory, \$20, \$43.75—\$63.75; John T. Green, \$4.50; Mary Jackson, \$8; Herman Walther, \$10; John James Calvert, \$5; Theo. F. Miller, \$30; B. F. Packard, \$4.75; Weeden & Morrison, \$18; F. H. Anderson, \$50; Geo. W. Goodall, \$540.39, \$482.96—\$1,023.35; Warren Choate, \$20.74, \$406.39—\$427.13; John S. Brent, \$12; Noble D. Larner, \$12; Walter Jackson, \$407.30; George Watts & Co., \$33; Solomons & Chapman, \$163.25, \$78.08—\$241.33; National Educational Association, \$25; Charles Seltman, \$26; Walter Jackson, \$12; T. A. Watson, \$25; James L. Matthews, \$37.05; R. E. Williams, \$80. Total, \$7,097.25.

Mr. HART, from the same committee, reported favorable the following bills against the late Boards, which, upon motion, were approved :

U. G. Brown, \$79.60; Wm. H. Harrover, \$90, \$170.01, \$76—\$336.01; C. Schneider, \$9.10; Wm. B. Moses, \$5, \$22—\$27; Wm. Kolb, \$73.64, \$24.55, \$181.14—\$279.33; Geo. F. Schaefer, \$15.90, \$10—\$25.90; Geo. F. Gulick, assignee, \$200; Washington Society of New Jerusalem, \$402.78; John Bray, jr., \$12; Wm. B. Marche, \$75.64; C. Ofenstein, \$6.50; Hamilton & Pearson, \$24; Wm. Nottingham, \$65; Charles Memmert, \$33.35; Alfred Pope, \$15.75; Geo. H. Brooks, \$140; Charles King, \$25; G. W. Goodall, \$82.75; Robert I. Flemming, \$5,080.10; Adolph Cluss, \$225; George Francis, \$13.97; A. Hahl & Co., \$8.75; E. W. Knowles, \$94.22, \$7—\$101.22; Edgar J. Steever, \$56.25; E. W. Knowles, \$487.96. Total, \$7,818.96.

Also the financial statement for the month of December, 1874, as follows :

Salaries	\$19,789 91
Contingent expenses.....	7,097 25
Total.....	<hr/> 26,887 16

Mr. DETRICK submitted the following :

The Committee on Teachers has to report that in accordance with the notice given in the Board at the regular meeting, held on the 8th of December last, the examination of candidates for teachers' positions and for promotions was held in the Franklin Building, December 19, 1874, commencing at 9 o'clock a. m., and closing at 3 o'clock p. m.

The examination was both oral and written, and was participated in by thirty-three candidates for appointment and promotion. As the result of this examination the committee has to recommend to the Board that certificates be granted as follows:

Primary Grade—To Miss Emmeline C. Weightman, Miss Myra E. Love, Miss Kate E. Little, Miss Elizabeth J. Havenner.

Secondary Grade—To Miss Lucy May Johnson, Miss Emma L. Bond, Miss Ella G. Kelly, Miss Elizabeth L. Prather, Miss Zilpha E. Whitaker, Miss Clara A. Hollingsworth, Miss Mary O. Whitney, Miss Cornelia Hersh Ellis.

Intermediate Grade—To Miss Clara C. Baker, Miss Mary Morgan, Miss Frances E. Jullien, Miss Kate E. Rawlings, Miss Clara Louisa Wilson, Miss Rachel Jane Day, Miss Mary Ella Morgan, Miss Symphronia M. Lusby.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHAS. E. HOVEY,
R. B. DETRICK,
GEO. W. DYER,
B. F. LLOYD,
Committee on Teachers.

JANUARY 12, 1875.

The report was adopted.

On motion, the Board then adjourned.

REGULAR STATED MEETING.

FRANKLIN SCHOOL BUILDING,
Washington, February 9, 1875.

The Board of Trustees of Public Schools in and for the District of Columbia met on the above date: the President, W. W. Curtis, esq., in the chair: John H. Brooks, secretary.

Present: Messrs. Sol. G. Brown, Champlin, French, Hart, Hovey, Johnson, Lloyd, Moffatt, Packard, Smith, Woodward, and Detrick.

On motion, the reading of the minutes of January 12, 1875, was dispensed with, and they were approved as printed.

The following communications from the honorable Commissioners of the District of Columbia were received and ordered placed on file:

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,
Washington, D. C., February 6, 1875.

W. W. CURTIS, ESQ., *President Board of Trustees Public Schools, D. C.:*

SIR: I am directed to request that you send to this office, as early as possible, all the title papers to public school property in your possession.

Very respectfully,

WM. TINDALL,
Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,
Washington, D. C., January 21, 1875.

Ordered, 1st. That the order of August 24, 1874, is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

That no contract for supplies, or repairs for any purpose, involving the expenditure of money, shall be made by any officer or employee of the District Government, excepting with the written approval by this Commission procured prior to the making of such contract.

2nd. That a copy of the order authorizing the contract must, in all cases, be transmitted by the proper officer or officers with the bills for settlement.

3d. That all requisitions for supplies must be made monthly in advance in writing, and transmitted to this office for action, on or before the first of the month.

Copy furnished for the information and guidance of the Secretary of the Board of School Trustees.

By order:

WM. TINDALL,
Secretary.

A communication was received from A. Hebb, in regard to injury done adjoining property to Franklin school building.

Referred to Sub-Board of the First District.

The resignation of Mr. M. P. Adams, assistant teacher in Male Grammar school of the Second District, was received and accepted, to take effect February 14, 1875.

The resignation of Miss Lizzie A. Sheck, assistant teacher of Female Primary school No. 10, Fourth District, to take effect January 31, 1875, was received and accepted.

The monthly report of music teacher and assistant music teacher was received and referred to Superintendent Wilson.

The Superintendents submitted the following abstract of reports of the Public Schools of the District of Columbia for the month of January, 1875:

	Washington.	George- town.	County.	Total.
1. Whole number of pupils enrolled :				
White.....	8,530	811	688	10,029
Colored.....	3,997	321	854	5,172
Total.....	12,527	1,132	1,542	15,201
2. Number of pupils on the rolls the last day of the month :				
White.....	8,218	778	631	9,627
Colored.....	3,746	290	767	4,803
Total.....	11,964	1,068	1,398	14,430
3. Average number of pupils in daily attendance :				
White.....	7,688	743	485	8,916
Colored.....	3,538	269	576	4,383
Total.....	11,226	1,012	1,061	13,299
4. Percentage of attendance :				
White.....	92.5	93.0	83.6	
Colored.....	95.6	95.7	84.9	
5. Number of teachers employed :				
White.....	157	16	15	188
Colored.....	83	7	17	107
Total.....	240	23	32	295
6. Number of cases of tardiness :				
White.....	376	235	....	611
Colored.....	422	14	....	436
Total.....	798	249	....	1,047
7. Number of cases of corporal punishment :				
White.....	7	10	16	33
Colored.....	17	2	15	34
Total.....	24	12	31	67
8. Number of pupils dismissed :				
White.....	12	1	....	13
Colored.....	20	5	....	25
Total.....	32	6	....	38

J. ORMOND WILSON.
GEO. F. T. COOK.
Superintendents.

The following communication was received :

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS, FRANKLIN BUILDING,
Washington, February 9, 1875.

To the Board of Trustees of Public Schools :

GENTLEMEN: The following-named teacher of a first-grade school having given "satisfactory proof of successful experience," I beg leave to recommend that her name be placed upon the list of teachers receiving the advanced salary authorized to be paid in such cases by an act of the City Councils, approved May 23, 1868, the increase of salary to take effect from February 10, 1875: Miss Emma L. Bond, Second District.

Respectfully submitted.

J. ORMOND WILSON.
Superintendent.

Approved.

Mr. DETRICK, from Sub-Board of the Second District, reported the following :

Transfer of Miss Adah H. Willey from Primary No. 17 to Primary No. 4, vice Miss Emma L. Bond, transferred to Primary No. 17, to take effect February 9, 1875.

R. B. DETRICK.

Approved.

Mr. CHAMPLIN, from the Sub-Board of the Fourth District, submitted the following :

Transfer Miss Sarah H. Johnson from Primary No. 6 to Primary No. 10, and Miss Isabelle Haliday from Primary No. 11 to Primary No. 6, both to take effect February 1, 1875.

Promote Miss Hannah M. Tunnell from sub-assistant to be acting teacher of Primary No. 11, to take effect February 1, 1875.

Appoint Miss Mary Adelaide Law sub-assistant, to take effect February 1, 1875. Change Primary No. 11 to Primary No. 12, and Primary No. 12 to Primary No. 11.

E. CHAMPLIN.

Confirmed.

Mr. CHAMPLIN, from the Committee on Supplies and Accounts, reported favorable on the following bills, which, upon motion, were approved :

S. B. Boarman, Trustee, \$60; T. Edw. Clark & Co., \$401.78, \$47.90, \$76.57, \$13.44, \$14.03, \$470—\$1,023.72; William Ballantyne, \$30.89, \$48.22, \$373.62, \$224.98—\$677.71; Wm. W. Farr, \$25, \$2, \$3.50—\$30.50; R. Hofer, \$5.60; Geo. W. Dann, jr., \$25; C. Taylor Holtzlaw, \$294.58, \$16.30, \$96—\$406.88; J. Westfield, \$24.25; Washington Nelson, \$25; Washington Gas-Light Co., \$34.50, \$8.25, \$17.50, \$12.25, \$22.75, \$3.50, \$3.50—\$102.25; J. W. Boteler & Bro., \$24. Bright & Humphrey, \$66.66; Grace M. E. Church, \$250; Otis F. Presbrey, Treas., \$83.33; R. S. Parks, \$45; Noble D. Larner, \$150; Geo. W. Cissell, \$250; J. C. McKelden, \$300; R. B. Wilson, \$15.64, \$4.15, \$21.23—\$41.02; R. M. A. Fenwick, \$4.05; Mr. Banks, \$3; Geo. F. Gulick, \$436.10; Washington Society of New Jerusalem, \$97.22, \$125—\$222.22; Naval Lodge No. 4, \$250, \$41.67—\$291.67; Wm. Nottingham, \$45, \$37.75—\$82.75; Memorial Parish, \$120; Macnichol & Beam, \$16.08, \$6.40—\$22.48; Thomas Lewis, \$116.44, \$458.80—\$575.24; Clark & Montgomery, \$56.15; C. Openstein, \$18.90; Craft & Richards, \$10; Washington Mendenhall, \$7; Jno. A. Van Dorne, \$74.45; C. B. Church & Sons, \$25.32; C. B. Church & Co., \$75, \$60—\$135; Julius Strobel, \$7.54; James H. Sullivan, \$22; Geo. Z. Colison, \$105.75; S. H. Donaldson, \$122.20; Wm. T. Burdette, \$9.25; H. I. Gregory, \$20, \$43.75, \$69.75—\$133.50; C. B. Smith, \$1.50; Solomons & Chapman, \$10.40; Wm. J. Rhees, \$250; Wm. J. Murtagh, \$120, \$2.25, \$85—\$207.25; Warren Choate & Co., \$137.70; William Ballantyne, \$61.80; Wm. Edwards, \$3. Total, \$6,769.14.

Mr. HART, from the same committee, reported favorable on the following bills against the late Boards, which, upon motion, were approved :

Wm. W. Farr, \$25; J. W. McKnight, \$25, \$16—\$41; T. Edw. Clark & Co., \$169.39; Dickson & King, \$15; Lansburgh & Bro., \$64.62; Walter Jackson, \$239.42; Mayfield & Hieston, \$61.88. Total, \$616.31.

Also the financial statement for the month of January, 1875, as follows :

Salaries.....	\$20,001.45
Contingent expenses..	6,769.14
Total.....	26,770.59

Mr. DETRICK, from the Committee on Text-Books, submitted the following, which, under the rules, was held until the next stated meeting for action:

The Committee on Text-Books having duly considered the subject of drawing in the Public Schools, has to report to the Board the following resolution, and to recommend its adoption:

Resolved, That the manuals, cards, and books for teaching drawing, prepared by Walter Smith, be, and the same are hereby, adopted for use in the Public Schools of the District of Columbia, in place of the cards and books for the same purpose now authorized to be used in said schools: *Provided*, That the change shall be made at the beginning of the next school year or when classes in their regular progress in the course of study are required to purchase new cards or books so that no additional expense shall be incurred by pupils in consequence of this change of text-books.

This resolution accords with the suggestions of Mrs. Susan E. Fuller, special teacher of drawing, and with the views of the Committee on Drawing and Penmanship presented herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

R. B. DETRICK,
E. CHAMPLIN,
J. S. BROWN,
Committee on Text-Books.

OFFICE OF TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS,
FRANKLIN BUILDING,
Washington, D. C., December 3, 1874.
To the Committee on Text-Books, Public Schools, District of Columbia:

GENTLEMEN: The Committee on Drawing and Penmanship respectfully refer to you the report made by Mrs. S. E. Fuller, special teacher of drawing in the Public Schools of Washington, to the Committee on Drawing, of the late Board of Trustees, on the 9th day of June, 1874, and recommends the adoption of Walter Smith's series of drawing books and cards for use in the Public Schools of the District of Columbia from and after September 1, 1875.

Very respectfully,

Chairman Committee on Drawing and Penmanship. A. HART,

Mr. CHAMPLIN, from the special committee to examine into charges of Mrs. Springer against R. M. McKee, principal First District, submitted a report.

Ordered placed on file, and committee discharged.

A number of bills were presented and referred to the Committee on Supplies and Accounts.

Mr. HART called up as unfinished business the following resolution offered by him December 8, 1874:

Resolved, That no person shall be permitted to give instruction in the Public Schools of the District of Columbia without authority of this Board.

Which, after discussion, was postponed for action at the next regular meeting of the Board.

Mr. SMITH submitted the following:

Resolved, That the next annual examination of the Public Schools in the County shall occur during the month of April. The particular day in each of the several districts to be determined by the Superintendent and the Trustee who has special supervision of the district.

Referred to Committee on Examination and Prizes.

Mr. DETRICK submitted the following:

Resolved, That on the requisition of a Trustee or Principal of any Grammar School, pupils of the Normal School shall be detailed to act as teachers (in the place of such regular teachers as may be temporarily absent) to the extent of one to each school district: *Provided*, That the whole number of pupils absent from the Normal School for this cause shall not exceed four at any time.

Action deferred until next stated meeting

Mr. LLOYD submitted the following:

Resolved, That the order of the honorable Commissioners of November 13, 1874, respecting the execution of written contracts in cases of rental of houses or rooms for public school purposes, be referred to a special committee of one from each school district, with instructions—

1st. To inspect all buildings or rooms in the district rented for the use of the Public Schools, and report to this Board at its next meeting the present condition of each, the amount per annum now being paid as rent in each case, whether the same is reasonable, and reasonably uniform in the several school districts; whether written contracts for rent exist in any case or cases, and in what cases, and such other facts touching this matter as it shall deem important for the information of the Board

2d. To prepare and have printed a form of contract for the rental of buildings or rooms for the use of the Public Schools.

Adopted.

The Chair announced as the special committee, under the above resolutions, Messrs. Lloyd, Hart, Detrick, Hovey, Moffat, Johnson, and Smith.

Mr. HOVEY submitted the following:

Resolved, That the Principals of the Male Grammar Schools in districts Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 be instructed to ascertain and report to the Superintendent of Schools in said districts, for the information of the Board—

1. Whether Regulations Nos. 38, 39 and 40, respecting "school hours," have been disregarded during the present school year in any school in their respective districts, and if so, how often and in what school or schools, and under what circumstances, and the explanation or justification, if there be any.

2. Whether Regulations Nos. 41 and 42, respecting "vacations," have been disregarded, and if so, under what circumstances, and the reason therefor.

3. Whether in case of sickness of teachers or absence from any other cause substitutes have been supplied from the pupils of the Female Grammar Schools, and if so, in what cases and by what authority.

Carried.

Mr. BROOKS submitted the following:

Resolved, That the Committee on Annual Report be, and they are hereby, authorized to have printed for the use of the Commissioners of the District of Columbia and the Board of Trustees of Public Schools in and for the District of Columbia, 700 copies of the Annual Report of the Public Colored Schools of Washington and Georgetown for '73-'74.

Adopted.

Mr. HART submitted the following:

Resolved, That the Committee on Annual Report be authorized to have printed for the use of the honorable Commissioners of the District of Columbia and the Board of Trustees, 1,500 copies of the Annual Report of the Public Schools of Washington, 1873-'74.

Agreed to.

On motion, the Board then adjourned.

REGULAR STATED MEETING.

FRANKLIN SCHOOL BUILDING,
Washington, March 9, 1875.

The Board of Trustees in and for the District of Columbia met on the above date. W. W. Curtis, Esq., in the chair; John H. Brooks, secretary.

Present: Messrs. J. Sullivan Brown, Brooke, Champlin, Detrick, Dyer, Ferguson, French, Hart, Hovey, Johnson, Lloyd, Moffatt, Packard, Ryder, and Smith.

On motion, the reading of the minutes of February 9, 1875, was dispensed with, and they were approved as printed.

A communication was received from R. W. Bates and F. A. Springer, relative to the report of the special committee appointed to investigate charges against R. M. McGee, principal first district.

Read and placed on file.

Also from Jacob Ramsburg, offering to recover black-board rubbers.

Referred to Committee on Supplies and Accounts.

Applications for position of teachers in the Public White Schools were received from Miss Emma S. Lawrence, of Gardner, Mass., and A. Isabel Mulford, of Morristown, N. J.

Referred to Superintendent J. O. Wilson.

Also Misses E. R. Thomas and Alice Cartwright, of Georgetown; Matilda A. Wheeler, Elizabeth Morton, Maria A. Loudon, and Anna J. Evans, of Washington; Hattie G. Stewart, of Pittsfield, Mass., and Lina E. Jean, of Cleveland, Ohio, for positions in the Public Colored Schools of Washington and Georgetown.

Referred to Superintendent Cook.

The resignation of Miss Lizzie A. Scott was received and accepted, to take effect February 28, 1875.

Monthly reports from Mr. J. H. Daniels, and Miss Havenner, and Mrs. King, music teachers, were referred to Superintendent Wilson.

The Superintendents submitted the following abstract of reports of the Public Schools of the District of Columbia for February, 1875:

	Washington.	George- town.	County.	Total.
1. Whole number of pupils enrolled :				
White.....	8,324	797	651	9,772
Colored.....	3,728	296	810	4,834
Total.....	12,052	1,093	1,461	14,606
2. Number of pupils on the rolls the last day of the month :				
White.....	8,075	757	591	9,423
Colored.....	3,599	289	737	4,625
Total.....	11,674	1,046	1,328	14,048
3. Average number of pupils in daily attendance :				
White.....	7,537	719	439	8,695
Colored.....	3,381	290	555	4,226
Total.....	10,918	1,009	994	12,921
4. Percentage of attendance :				
White.....	92.4	92.8	79.6	
Colored.....	95.1	95.2	81.8	

George-
Washington. town. County. Total.

5. Number of teachers employed :	157	16	15	188
White.....	82	7	17	106
Colored.....				
	239	23	32	294
Total.....				
6. Number of cases of tardiness :	373	210	....	583
White.....	278	20	....	298
Colored.....				
	651	230	....	881
Total.....				
7. Number of cases of corporal punishment :	14	11	14	39
White.....	42	6	12	60
Colored.....				
	56	17	26	99
Total.....				
8. Number of pupils dismissed :	12	4	....	16
White.....	17	....	....	17
Colored.....				
	29	4	....	33
Total.....				

J. ORMOND WILSON,
GEO. F. T. COOK,
Superintendents.

Placed on file.

Mr. FRENCH submitted the following:

The Sub-Board of the Third District nominate Miss Emma Sophia Lawrence, acting teacher of Primary School No. 12, Third District, vice Miss Scott, resigned, to take effect from March 1st.

E. F. FRENCH,
CHAS. E. HOVEY,
Sub-Board.

Confirmed.

Mr. JOHNSON, from the Sub-Board of the Seventh District, have to recommend the dismissal of Miss Fanny McCoy, a teacher in the Public Colored Schools of Washington and Georgetown.

Approved.

Mr. PACKARD, from the Sub-Board of the Sixth District, submitted the following, which was adopted; and the President announced as the special committee, Messrs. Brooke, Packard, and J. S. Brown:

BOARD OF TRUSTEES PUBLIC SCHOOLS,
Washington, D. C., March 6, 1875.

GENTLEMEN: Your County Sub-Board have to ask for the adoption of the following resolution, which was passed at their last regular meeting:

Whereas there is a large number of white children of school age in the First School District of the County of Washington without public school accommodation, and the present school-house in the Second District is inadequate and unsuitable for the accommodation of the white pupils resident therein :

Be it resolved, That the Commissioners of the District of Columbia be, and they are hereby, requested to purchase a site for a four-room school building, to be located at or near Tenuallytown, D. C.; also, to procure plans and appropriate funds for the erection of such a building thereon the coming season for the accommodation of the pupils of said districts.

Be it also resolved, That a special committee of three Trustees be appointed by the President of the Board to take this matter in charge.

B. F. PACKARD,
Trustee 5th and 6th Districts.
P. L. BROOKE,
Trustee 1st and 2d Districts.
C. B. SMITH,
Trustee 7th District.
J. S. BROWN,
Trustee 3d and 4th Districts.

Adopted, and the Chair announced as the special committee, Messrs. Brooke, Packard, and J. S. Brown.

Mr. CHAMPLIN, from the Committee on Supplies and Accounts, reported the following bills, and recommended their approval, and, upon motion, they were approved :

Wm. Durr, \$25; J. W. Barker, \$125, \$475—\$600; S. J. Thomson, \$40; T. Edw. Clark & Co., \$575.13, \$269.63, \$211.63, \$205.01, \$20.31, \$133.78, \$17.41, \$501.61—\$1,934.54; Frank Hume, \$103.50, \$96.02—\$199.52; Warren Choate, \$55.80; John Barry, \$112.65, \$15.75—\$128.40; W. E. Spalding, \$18.95, \$18.78—\$37.73; Jos. L. Savage, \$11, \$17.50—\$28.50; A. R. Shepard & Co., \$6.80, \$30.45, \$7.40—\$44.65; Thos. H. Dutton, \$17.75; M. Cole, \$15; Wm. Nottingham, \$13.20; G. L. Wild & Bro., \$15; Wm. Ballantyne, \$5.50; C. H. Demar, \$5.50; Alex. Tennant, \$9.06; J. C. Kayser, 75c.; O. C. Wight & Horace J. Frost, \$75, \$25—\$100; T. A. Watson, \$40.85; Walter Jackson, \$119.89; James McGrundy, \$47.90; J. L. Matthews, \$34; Cornelius Peck, \$3.10; total, \$3,528.40.

He also reported that the following bills were audited and paid without any approval of the Board, the bills not having been presented :

Washington Gas-light Co., \$36.50, \$9.25, 50c., \$18, \$9.75, \$30, \$2.50, \$6.50—\$113; National Union Insurance Co., \$30; A. R. Shepard & Co., \$117.45, \$6.50, \$564.35, \$15.52—\$703.82.

Mr. HART, from the same committee, reported the following bills against the late Boards, and, upon motion, they were approved :

Geo. W. Dums, jr., \$8.25; S. Thomas Brown, \$1.36; F. Stromberger, \$7.50; Jos. L. Savage, \$13.25, \$6.65—\$19.90; total, \$37.01.

Mr. HART also reported the following financial statement for the month of February :

Amount of salaries.....	\$19,550 51
Amount of contingent expenses.....	4,375 22
	<hr/> \$23,925 73

Mr. FRENCH submitted the following, which was approved :

The Committee on Examination and Prizes, to whom was referred the resolution of Mr. Smith, "that the next annual examination of the Public Schools in the County shall occur during the month of April," &c., respectfully recommend that the Trustees of the County Schools be permitted to conduct said examinations in accordance with the resolution.

E. F. FRENCH,
Chairman Committee on Examinations and Prizes.

Mr. LLOYD, from the Special Committee to whom was referred the order of the Honorable Commissioners of the District of Columbia, of November 13, 1874, and the rental of buildings for school purposes, submitted a report, with accompanying detail reports from each member of the committee.

Report adopted and recommitted, with instructions to the chairman of the committee, when the same was in all respects completed, to present it to the honorable Commissioners of the District of Columbia as a reply to their communication.

A number of bills were presented, and referred to the Committee on Supplies and Accounts.

Mr. DETRICK called up as unfinished business the resolution offered by him February 9th, 1875, which, after discussion, was referred to the respective Committees on Teachers for report.

Mr. HART requested action on the following resolution offered by him December 8, 1874 :

Resolved, That no person shall be permitted to give instruction in the Public Schools of the District of Columbia without authority of this Board.

Mr. LLOYD moved to amend the resolution by adding :

Provided, That if any persons are now so teaching in the Public Schools they may continue to do so during the time for which they have already been paid by the pupils.

Amendment agreed to.

The resolution as amended was then adopted.

Mr. CURTIS, from the Sub-Board of the Fifth District, (Mr. French in the chair,) made a request that the Board give permission to the Sub-Board of the Fifth District to allow Mr. Corridon to continue to form classes in penmanship in the Public Schools of said district.

Granted.

Mr. HOVER submitted the following :

Resolved, That the chairman of the Committee on Supplies and Accounts be requested to confer with the honorable Commissioners as to the approval of bills contracted for the Public Schools, for the purpose of securing uniformity and system in their presentation to this Board.

Adopted.

Mr. HART submitted the following :

Resolved, That the Superintendent of Public Schools of Washington and Georgetown be, and he is hereby, requested to prepare rules for the guidance of the principals of the first, second, third, fourth, and fifth districts, and report the same to this Board for consideration at the next regular meeting.

Adopted.

On motion, the Board then adjourned.

SPECIAL MEETING.

FRANKLIN SCHOOL BUILDING,
Washington, March 22, 1875.

By request of the members, the Board of Trustees of the Public Schools in and for the District of Columbia held a special meeting. W. W. Cartis, Esq., in the chair; John H. Brooks, secretary.

Present: Messrs. Champlin, Dyer, French, Hart, Hovey, Johnson, Lloyd, Moffatt, Packard, Smith, and Detrick.

The secretary presented the following communication from the honorable Commissioners of the District of Columbia:

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,

Washington, March 19, 1875.

To the Board of Trustees Public Schools, District of Columbia:

GENTLEMEN: The Commissioners desire an early report by your Board respecting the pay of the present janitors of the Public School Buildings, embracing those for both white and colored schools.

They desire information as to what rate of pay will equalize the compensation of those janitors now employed, considering the character of service rendered by them and the accommodations given them. Also, what additional rate of pay would be necessary to secure mechanics for janitors—men of sufficient skill to do many of the ordinary repairs needed about the buildings, as well as to keep the heating apparatus in good order.

A prompt report is desired as a basis for settlement of the pay for March, the rolls for which will soon be made up.

Very respectfully,

WM. TINDALL, *Secretary*.

Mr. HART moved that a committee of five be appointed by the Chair to consider and report upon the communication forthwith.

Adopted.

The Chair announced the following as the committee: Messrs. Hart, Detrick, French, Johnson, Moffatt, and Packard.

The committee was given permission to retire, and, after consideration, reported a schedule of salaries for janitors, which they were instructed to forward to the Commissioners, in reply to their communication.

On motion, the Board then adjourned.

REGULAR STATED MEETING.

FRANKLIN SCHOOL BUILDING,

Washington, April 13, 1875.

The Board of Trustees in and for the District of Columbia met on the above date. W. W. Curtis, Esq., in the chair; John H. Brooks, secretary.

Present: Messrs. Champlin, Dyer, Detrick, Ferguson, French, Hart, Hovey, Lloyd, Moffatt, Packard, Ryder, Smith, and Woodward.

On motion, the reading of the minutes of March 9, 1875, was dispensed with, and approved as printed.

The following communications were received from the honorable Commissioners of the District of Columbia, and placed on file:

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,

Washington, April 2, 1875.

To the Board of Trustees of Public Schools, District of Columbia:

GENTLEMEN: I am directed to request that hereafter, on the first week day of each month, you will cause requisitions to be made upon the Commissioners of the District of Columbia for all supplies required for use in the Public Schools during the month. When approved by the Commissioners the requisitions will be filled by the parties contracting to furnish the articles, under the direction of a clerk appointed for the duty.

Duplicate bills for the supplies must accompany them when delivered.

The officer, whose duty it is to receive, examine, and receipt for the supplies, will certify upon the requisition that all the articles specified in it have been received by him, and that they conform in quality and kind to the requirements of the contract under which they are furnished. He will attach the bills to the requisition and deliver them together to the Board of Trustees, who will audit the same, and transmit them to the Commissioners of the District of Columbia on or before the 25th of each month.

The requisition so certified and audited will become the voucher upon which the bills will be audited and paid by the District Government.

The Superintendent of Public Schools will render to the Commissioners of the District of Columbia a monthly synopsis of the accounts kept by order of the Board of Trustees of Public Schools of the disposition made of the supplies. The synopsis will set forth the total quantity or number of each of the articles furnished for issue in the several school buildings in the District of Columbia; the number of teachers and scholars in each of the said buildings, and the number of the latter to whom books or other articles have been gratuitously supplied. Printed forms should be used for this purpose.

All bills will be audited and paid on or before the end of each month.

Requisitions for the month of April, inst., should be promptly transmitted to the Commissioners.

With a view to secure prompt making of small repairs requiring immediate attention in any school district, the orders heretofore existing are so far modified as to authorize the superintendent of the schools, wherein such repairs become necessary, to direct them to be made. He will issue a written order to a suitable mechanic, specifying briefly the work to be done; and, at the time of its completion, will require duplicate bills to be rendered attached to the original order, on which he will certify that the repairs therein specified have been satisfactorily made and that the bills are correct. He will forward the papers without delay to the Board of Trustees for audit. No order will be given by a superintendent that shall involve a cost in any one school building exceeding twenty dollars in amount, where the building belongs to the District, and in case of rented buildings, for repairs exceeding ten dollars.

The Board of Trustees will audit and forward to the Commissioners of the District of Columbia all bills received by them on or before the 25th day of each month.

Very respectfully,

WM. TINDALL, *Secretary.*

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,
Washington, D. C., April 5, 1875.

To the Board of Trustees of Public Schools, D. C.:

GENTLEMEN: Referring to the communication from this office respecting the manner of ordering the making of minor repairs to school buildings, dated 2d instant, I am directed to notify you that the same is so far modified as to confer also upon a Trustee of Public Schools for the school district, wherein such repairs became necessary, the authority heretofore confined to the Superintendents of Public Schools, by the instructions of the 2d instant, above mentioned.

Very respectfully,

WM. TINDALL, *Secretary.*

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,
Washington, D. C., March 25, 1875.

JOHN H. BROOKS, Esq., *Secretary of Board of School Trustees, D. C.:*

SIR: Referring to so much of your communication of the 22d instant, as relates to the pay of the janitors during the remainder of the present school year, I am directed to notify you that the scale of prices as recommended is approved for the several janitors only, commencing March 1st, 1875, as follows:

Franklin Building at the rate of \$1,000 per annum; Seaton and McKelden Buildings at the rate of \$1,000 per annum; Miller and Berrett Buildings at the rate of \$480 per annum; corner Ninth and S streets northwest at the rate of \$240 per annum; Wallack Building at the rate of \$720 per annum; Cranch Building at the rate of \$444 per annum; McCormick Building at the rate of \$300 per annum; Jefferson Building at the rate of \$1,000 per annum.

Very respectfully,

WM. TINDALL, *Secretary.*

Applications for positions of janitor were received from Messrs. C. Johnson, John Shortell, and C. F. Gréer.

Placed on file.

Also for positions of teachers in the public school from Miss Emily Degg, of Washington, D. C., and Mr. G. E. Ryan, of Syracuse, N. Y.

Referred to Superintendent J. O. Wilson.

Also from the Hebrew congregation, Adas Israel, asking a modification of the rule of the Board relative to the absence of pupils.

Referred to Committee on Rules.

The chairman of the Committee on Music submitted the report of the director and teacher of music for the month of March, 1875.

Referred, under the rules, to Superintendent J. O. Wilson.

The Superintendents submitted the following abstract of reports of the Public Schools of the District of Columbia for March, 1875:

	Washington.	George-town.	County.	Total.
1. Whole number of pupils enrolled:				
White.....	8,225	777	648	9,650
Colored	3,796	802	791	4,889
Total.....	12,021	1,079	1,439	14,539

	George- Washington. town. County. Total.		
2. Number of pupils on the rolls the last day of the month:			
White.....	8,136	742	610
Colored	3,604	284	781
Total.....	11,740	1,026	1,341
3. Average number of pupils in daily attendance:			
White.....	7,551	689	454
Colored	3,418	278	544
Total.....	10,969	967	998
4. Percentage of attendance:			
White.....	98.0	91.7	84.0
Colored	95.5	96.6	83.1
5. Number of teachers employed:			
White.....	157	16	15
Colored	82	7	17
Total.....	239	23	32
6. Number of cases of tardiness:			
White.....	703	179	....
Colored	218	9	....
Total.....	521	188	....
7. Number of cases of corporal punishment:			
White.....	15	5	19
Colored	64	5	13
Total.....	79	10	32
8. Number of pupils dismissed:			
White.....	22	3	....
Colored	25	....	....
Total.....	47	3	....

J. ORMOND WILSON,
GEO. F. T. COOK,
Superintendents.

Superintendent J. O. Wilson submitted the following, which was referred to the Committee on Rules:

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS, FRANKLIN BUILDING,

Washington, D. C., April 13, 1875.

To the Board of Trustees of Public Schools:

GENTLEMEN: I have the honor to transmit herewith the reports of the several principals of the schools, concerning any disregard of regulations Nos. 38, 39, 40, 41, and 42, and the supplying of substitutes from the pupils of the Female Grammar schools in case of the sickness of teachers or absence from any other cause.

These reports were made in compliance with a resolution adopted by the Board at its regular meeting, held the 9th of February last. From these reports it appears that in inclement weather many of the teachers have only one lengthened session of school, terminating about one o'clock p. m.

It is generally claimed that the authority for this change in the regular session was obtained from present or former trustees.

In ten instances it is reported that schools were closed for want of fuel during the past winter.

Some of the teachers detain pupils after three o'clock p. m. for purposes of instruction and discipline.

Very respectfully,

J. ORMOND WILSON,
Superintendent.

Also the following:

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS, FRANKLIN BUILDING,

Washington, D. C., April 13, 1875.

To the Board of Trustees of Public Schools:

GENTLEMEN: In compliance with the resolution adopted by the Board at its meeting held on the 9th ultimo, requesting the superintendent to prepare rules for the guidance of the principals of the schools of the First, Second, Third, Fourth,

and Fifth School Districts, and to report the same to the Board at its next meeting I have the honor to report to you the accompanying draft of a "rule prescribing the duties of principals."

Very respectfully,

J. ORMOND WILSON,
Superintendent.

RULE PRESCRIBING THE DUTIES OF PRINCIPALS.

I. The Principals, as local superintendents of all the schools within their respective districts, shall, under the direction of the Superintendent, be responsible for the observance and enforcement of the rules and regulations of the schools, and in the discharge of their duties they shall be entitled to the respect, deference, and co-operation of all teachers; and they shall have offices to be designated by the respective Sub-Boards for the transaction of school business.

II. They shall be in their respective offices thirty minutes before the time of opening each morning session of the schools, and when not engaged in examining schools, under the direction of the Superintendent, from three to half-past three o'clock each afternoon that the schools are in session; and they shall meet at the office of the Superintendent for purpose of consultation at such other times as he may designate.

III. They shall be engaged not less than two hours of each school day in instructing the advanced classes in the Grammar Schools.

IV. They shall have a general supervision of the grounds, buildings, furniture, and appurtenances of the schools, and see that the same are kept in good condition; they shall see that good order is maintained upon the school premises and in the neighborhood thereof, and that the strictest cleanliness is maintained in the school buildings and out-houses belonging thereto; they shall promptly report to the Trustees any repairs that may be required, and any negligence of the janitors, and they shall make requisitions, which must be approved by the Trustees, for all supplies of books, stationery, and other articles required for the use of the schools.

V. They shall keep, according to forms approved by the Trustees, a correct account of all supplies received by them, and of all supplies distributed to the schools; and they shall keep an accurate record of the names of all pupils suspended or dismissed from the schools, noting in each case the date, the offence committed, and any other particulars which may be deemed important. These accounts and records shall be, at all times, open to the inspection of the Trustees or Superintendent.

VI. They shall furnish, according to prescribed forms, the Superintendent with the required monthly and annual reports of the schools, and monthly lists of the names of all teachers and janitors employed by the Board, and the amount of salary due to each; and they shall furnish such other information as may be required from time to time by the Trustees or Superintendent.

VII. They shall see that the teachers are promptly notified and duly advised as to all rules, regulations, and orders pertaining to the schools, and that they carry out the same in every particular; they shall see that all the prescribed records are neatly, regularly, and accurately kept by the teachers, and that all reports and returns required by the Board or the Superintendent are promptly made; they shall, under the direction of the Superintendent, classify the pupils in the different grades according to the course of study; they shall visit each school as often as twice in each month; and they shall in every way possible co-operate with the Superintendent in advising teachers as to the best methods of instructing and governing their schools.

Mr. DETRICK submitted the following from the Sub-Board of the Second District:

Appoint Miss Lille B. Holbrook assistant teacher in Male Grammar School, second district, vice M. P. Adams, resigned; to take effect February 24, 1875.

R. B. DETRICK.
W. R. WOODWARD.

Confirmed.

Mr. FRENCH, from Sub-Board of the Third District, submitted the following:

The Sub-Board of the Third District nominate Miss Myra Elizabeth Love as acting teacher of Primary School No. 12, Third District; to take effect on the 18th of March.

E. F. FRENCH.
CHAS. E. HOVEY.

Confirmed.

Mr. PACKARD, from the Sub-Board of the Sixth District, submitted the following, which was agreed to :

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 13, 1875.

The county sub-board ask for the adoption of the following resolution, and its reference to the special committee appointed at the last meeting of the Board :

Resolved, That the District Commissioners be requested to appropriate sufficient funds to build an additional room to school-house No. 2, at Bennings. Also, to purchase a lot at or near Mount Pleasant, and erect thereon during the coming season a two-room school building, both for the better accommodation of the colored children resident in the sixth and third county school districts.

B. F. PACKARD.

C. B. SMITH.

Mr. FERGUSON submitted the following :

The sub-board of the seventh district respectfully recommend that the appointment of Miss A. V. Shewalter as a special teacher in the colored schools of Washington and Georgetown be revoked; to take effect March 31, 1875.

On motion, the recommendation was agreed to, and the appointment of Miss Shewalter was revoked.

Mr. PACKARD made an explanation relative to the salary of Mrs. Douglass, and submitted a resolution granting her pay, and directing the Committee on Supplies and Accounts to approve a bill for the same.

Mr. HART submitted the following as a substitute :

Resolved, That the bill of Mrs. Virginia L. Douglass be referred back to the county sub-board, with instructions to place her name on the pay-roll for the present month, and that she be paid for eight school days, amounting to \$27.77.

Adopted.

Mr. DETRICK, from the Committee on Text Books, submitted the following :

After a careful consideration of the subject the Committee on Text Books respectfully recommends to the Board the adoption of the following :

Resolved, That the National Music Course be, and the same is hereby, adopted for exclusive use in the Public Schools of the District of Columbia from and after the commencement of the next ensuing school year. *Provided*, That the Colored Schools of Washington and Georgetown shall be allowed to continue their present course of instruction in music until otherwise ordered.

The foregoing resolution is in accordance with the recommendation of the director and Committee on Music, submitted herewith.

R. B. DETRICK,

E. CHAMPLIN,

Committee.

WASHINGTON, April 8, 1875.

To the Committee on Music of Public Schools :

GENTLEMEN: After having examined the different systems of teaching music in the Public Schools I have no hesitation in indorsing the Mason system, and would recommend that you procure the books to be used in our schools, the charts belonging to the system already being in use. I would also urge upon you the absolute necessity of strict adherence by the teachers to the rules made by the Board for their guidance, in giving a certain portion of the school hours to the teaching of music.

Very respectfully,

J. H. DANIEL.

Your committee, believing that vocal music cannot be properly taught in our schools until the adoption of one of the several approved systems, respectfully recommends, after a careful examination, the adoption by the Board of the "National Music Course."

Your committee would further recommend that said system be introduced at the commencement of the next school year; and further, should any charts or

books for the teaching of vocal music be needed before the commencement of the next school year, that they be of the National Music Course.

B. F. LLOYD,
A. HART,
F. W. MOFFATT,
Committee on Music.

Laid over under the rules.

Referred to the Committee on Text Books.

Mr. FRENCH, from the Committee on Examinations and Prizes, submitted a programme for the annual examination of 1875, which, on motion, was adopted.

Mr. SMITH, from the Committee on Annual Report, submitted the following:

The Committee on the Annual Report of the Public Schools have completed the duties assigned them, and the reports of the Washington schools are now presented to the Board. The reports of the other schools have been previously presented.

Mr. CHAMPLIN, from the Committee on Supplies and Accounts, reported favorable the following bills, which, upon motion, were approved:

First Baptist Church, \$125; Rev. Chas. I. White, D. D., \$250; Wm. Durr, \$75; S. J. Thomson, \$120; J. W. Barker, \$125, \$475—\$600; T. A. Newman, trustee, \$175; Mary M. Cameron, \$100; T. E. Clarke & Co., \$224.79, \$90.88, \$77.75, \$336.54, \$103.71, \$347.73, \$94.51, \$100.21, \$35.78, \$30.94, \$97.71, \$69.63, \$156.03, \$225.06—\$1,991.27; William Ballantyne, \$14.50, \$39.19, \$25.50, \$29.15, \$35.18, \$15, \$80.95, \$35.18, \$15, \$39.63, \$35.18, \$18.25, \$4.73, \$39.12, \$14, \$56.50, \$21.87, \$36, \$94—\$662.75; Warren Choate & Co., \$72.78, \$72.78, \$72.78, \$72.77, \$72.77, \$72.77—\$436.65; Oderless Ex. Appr. Co., \$39.50, \$37, \$42, \$62, \$16, \$101—\$297.50; Fisher & Son, \$10; Jane Ross, \$7.50; P. T. Vannice, \$2.50; R. Hofer, \$7.50; H. L. Gettler, \$101.70, \$81.50; \$57.20—\$240.40; R. S. Parks, \$45; Jno. C. McKelden, \$300; J. R. Riggles, \$333.33; L. Chappel, \$90; Geo. W. Cissel, \$250; Evangelical Association, \$100, \$50—\$150; Congregational Church, \$250; Bright & Humphrey, \$200; H. I. Gregory, \$44.50, \$21.50—\$66; W. W. Farr, \$3; \$2.50—\$5.50; T. V. Noonan, \$49.15; R. B. Wilson, \$47.44; C. T. Holtzelaw, \$136.90; Wm. E. Spalding & Son, \$7.30, \$2.40, \$4.05, \$12.10—\$25.85; A. R. Shepherd & Co., \$12.25, \$9.75, \$5.87, \$146.65—\$174.52; Geo. F. Gulick, \$400; Memorial Parish, \$126; Wm. Nottingham, \$45, \$14.24, \$21—\$80.24; L. W. Slater, treasurer, \$60; Jno. T. Harshman, \$3.20; Jno. R. Cockson, \$10.75; Benj. Luskey, \$30; Wm. Day, \$8.75; Edw. McWilliamson, \$17; Wm. A. Luskey, \$15; Washington Mendenhall, \$51; Conrad Schafer, \$13.55, \$60—\$73.56; C. B. Church & Co, \$75; Julius Strobel, \$6.20; Chas. F. Smithson, \$155.19; C. H. Parker, \$3; J. W. Barker, \$10.25; S. H. Donaldson, \$127.30; R. Brace, treasurer, \$100, \$80—\$180; Republican Job Office, \$5.28, \$5.28, \$5.30, \$21.14, \$42, \$400, \$100—\$579; Jacob Ramsburg, \$22.40; Selby Scaggs, \$24; McGill & Witherow, \$36.25, \$35.30, \$811.25, \$134.25, \$39, \$22—\$1,078.05; Chas. Weaver, \$10, \$4—\$14; Jno. Zephas, \$3.50; Wesley Jackson, \$1.50; Sarah M. Robinson, \$1; W. S. Tappan, \$3; O. C. Wight & H. J. Frost, \$75; W. J. Rhees, \$250; C. B. Church & Co., \$60; A. K. Manning & Bros., \$7.15; Frank Davis, \$7.25; J. D. Baltimore, \$2.50; Robt. A. Williams, \$50; G. W. Moore, \$14; W. T. Burdette, \$22.10; Wm. Luskey, \$36; total, \$10,888.82.

Also, the following from the same committee:

The Committee on Supplies and Accounts recommended for adoption the following:

Resolved, That the monthly meetings of the Committee on Supplies and Accounts be held on the first Monday of each month, and that an adjourned meeting may also be held on the second Tuesday of each month for consideration only of bills presented at the first monthly meeting of the committee.

Resolved, That all rent bills against the Public Schools be rendered at the end of each quarter year commencing with January 1st, and all other bills be rendered on or before the last day of the month in which the services are completed or the articles furnished; and that they be put in the hands either of the secretary of the Board or the local member of the Committee on Supplies and Accounts.

Resolved also, That bills against the Public Schools shall be first considered by the Committee on Supplies and Accounts and reported on before they are submitted to the Board of Trustees for approval.

The Committee also recommends to the Board the adoption of the following regulations relating to ordering, receiving, and distributing supplies:

1st. That all books, stationery, and house-furnishing articles for the use of the Public Schools shall be ordered by the Committee on Supplies and Accounts, and said supplies for the white schools of Washington and Georgetown and the County schools shall be delivered at the Franklin School Building, and for the colored schools of Washington and Georgetown at the Sumner School Building.

2d. It shall be the duty of the respective superintendents of Public Schools to examine said supplies, and if they are found to agree in quality and quantity with the contract and the order of the committee, they shall give receipts accordingly.

3d. It shall be the duty of the respective superintendents to fill all requisitions for the supplies in their custody made by the principals or other persons designated for the purpose and approved by the Sub-boards of the respective school districts.

4th. It shall be the duty of the respective superintendents to have accurate accounts kept in their offices of all supplies received and issued to the respective districts, which accounts shall at all times be open to the inspection of the Committee on Supplies and Accounts, or of any member of the Board of Trustees.

5th. It shall be the duty of the principal in each school district, or, in case there be no principal, of such person as may be designated by the sub-board to keep a full and accurate account of all supplies received and issued by him, said account to be so kept as to show the supplies furnished to each school or teacher, giving in every case the date and amount.

Respectfully submitted,

E. CHAMPLIN,
A. HART,
R. B. DETRICK,
E. F. FRENCH,
HENRY JOHNSON,
JOHN H. BROOKS,
FRED. W. MOFFATT,
J. SULLIVAN BROWN,

Per B. F. PACKARD,
Committee on Supplies and Accounts.

Adopted.

Mr. HART, from the same committee, reported favorably the following bills against the late boards, and, upon motion, they were approved:

Knowles & Wilson, second district, \$105.45; J. H. Kuehling, third district, \$38.90; A. W. Kirk & Co., colored schools, \$27; total, \$171.35.

Also that the following bills were paid by the Auditor of the District without being referred to the Board for approval:

H. I. Gregory, \$50.55; W. W. Rapley, \$83.90, \$108.50—\$192.40; Washington Gas-light Company, \$36.25, \$11.50, \$13.50, \$5.50, \$8.50, \$20.50, \$1.25—\$97; total, \$339.95.

Also the following financial statement for the month of March last:

Salaries of teachers, superintendents and janitors.....	\$19,846 93
Contingent expenses.....	11,228 77
Total.....	\$31,075 70

Mr. HOVEY, from the Special Committee, submitted the following report:

Resolved, That on the requisition of a trustee, or principal of any Grammar school, pupils of the Normal school shall be detailed to act as teachers, (in the place of such regular teachers as may be temporarily absent,) to the extent of one to each school district. *Provided*, That the whole number of pupils absent from the Normal school, for this cause, shall not exceed four at any time.

Your committee to whom was referred the above resolution authorizing a detail of pupils from the Normal school, not exceeding four at any one time, to take the places of regular teachers in other public schools temporarily absent, has had the same under consideration, and respectfully submits the following report:

THE NORMAL SCHOOL.

was organized under an act of the Legislative Assembly of the District of Columbia, approved June 23, 1873.

It authorizes the trustees of public schools for the city of Washington to establish a Normal school for the special education of "advanced pupils," who are to become teachers in the public schools; to employ a principal teacher for said Normal school; to make all necessary rules and regulations for its organization and government; to prescribe a course of study; and to fix terms of admission and graduation.

In pursuance of this law, and soon after its passage, the trustees organized in the Franklin Building under a single teacher, a Normal school for girls; and limited the course of study to one year; the number of pupils to twenty; and fixed seventeen as the minimum age for admission.

The first class graduated last June, (1884,) and its members were all required, and are now employed, in the public schools.

The second class is being educated, and the question is, whether this class, or any succeeding class, whose whole course of study and training is crowded into a single year, shall be subjected to a system of irregular absenteeism in order to supply the places of regular teachers temporarily away from their schools.

A majority of your committee think it is not only perilous to the Normal school to sanction such a system, but quite beyond any legitimate power of this Board.

The power to make rules and regulations for the organization and government of the Normal school is a limited power. The trustees may make any rules and regulations necessary for its organization and government, but no others. If it is necessary to scatter the pupils of the Normal school over the city as substitutes for regular teachers who may be absent, in order to organize and govern the Normal school itself, then such a rule may be made; otherwise, not.

These "advanced pupils," authorized to be educated for the special purpose of teaching, are not yet while in school under the pay or in the employ of the public authorities; nor are they subject to the control of the trustees for any such purpose as substitutes for regular teachers.

The most that can be claimed is, that the trustees, under their power to prescribe a course of study, may prescribe *actual practice in teaching* as part of that course.

Some practical application by pupils of Normal schools of the methods of teaching taught them therein usually forms part of the course of training in such schools. Reputable usage, however, seems to require that these teaching exercises should take place under the eye of the principal, or of some other competent teacher, and should be conducted, as other lessons and exercises are conducted, for the sole purpose of aiding pupils in acquiring a knowledge of the art. Instead of allowing pupil-teachers to grope their way in the dark, wasting time in experiments, the Normal principal goes with them to the class-room, observes their methods and points out mistakes. To this extent teaching exercises may form part of the course of study and training. But unsupervised practice, occurring at irregular intervals, and of uncertain duration, and in divers schools, mere hap-hazard practice, with the purpose of filling somebody's place for the time being, surely can have no recognition in any systematic course of study or training. Such practice breaks in upon the course of study, without compensating advantage, and is not sanctioned by the law, nor by reputable usage of Normal schools elsewhere.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL PUPILS.

For some years, your committee does not know how many, it has been customary to call on the principals of the Female Grammar schools for substitutes for absent teachers, and they have detailed their more advanced pupils for that purpose. Your committee does not find any sufficient justification for this practice, and recommend its discontinuance.

USAGE ELSEWHERE.

If neither Normal pupils nor Grammar school pupils be used as substitutes for absent teachers, who can be? What is to be done in cases where regular teachers are temporarily unable to be in their schools on account of sickness, or for other justifiable cause?

The matter suggested by these questions is not novel or peculiar to Washington. In St. Louis the following rule prevails:

"RULE 26. The salary of teachers shall be deducted *pro rata* for absence, except in cases of sickness of teachers, when half pay shall be allowed."

Chicago ordains "that all teachers, when absent from school, shall forfeit their salary during the continuance of such absence, except when the absence is occasioned by sickness, or by death of some near relative, when they shall forfeit from their salary a substitute's pay for the time of such absence, and when a teacher returns to school after a temporary absence, and fails to send notice, as required above, in time to save the substitute the trouble of going to the school, the substitute shall receive pay for one half day, and the same shall be deducted from the pay of the teacher."

Somewhat similar regulations have been established in Boston and other cities. In the county, outside the cities of Washington and Georgetown, the following rules are in force:

"4. No teacher shall be absent from school at any time during the school year without the written permission of the District trustee, except in cases of sickness, or the presence of contagious disease in the family, &c."

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"12. Acting teachers shall be subject to the same rules and requirements as regular teachers, and shall be entitled to receive the rate of compensation allowed for the school in which they teach, or to the teacher for whom they act as substitute, their compensation in the latter case to be deducted from the regular teacher's salary."

THE LAW OF 1867.

In 1867, the corporation of Washington enacted that "the salary of no teacher shall be deducted on account of sickness for less than one full month."

So far, then, as the city of Washington is concerned, it has heretofore been thought that any regulation requiring teachers to provide substitutes in case of temporary sickness, and to pay such substitutes even a fraction of their own salary was a plain evasion of the law.

But under a late decision of the Court of Claims it would seem that the employing power may waive the operation of such a law at pleasure. The court held that a laborer, claiming his rights under the *eight hour law*, who was told by his employer, a public officer, that he must work *twelve* hours for a day's pay, or leave, and did not leave, but continued to work, thereby entered into a contract, which bound him, and superseded all his rights under the law. As to him the law was avoided.

Under the authority of this decision, there would seem to be no insuperable obstacle in the way of the trustees prescribing such a rule for the pay of substitute teachers as may appear to be just and expedient, and in accordance with a very general usage in other cities.

Your committee, therefore, submits a draft of a regulation on this subject, for reference to the Committee on Rules, as a substitute for the resolution which has been under consideration.

SUBSTITUTES.

In case of the absence of any teacher on account of sickness, or other justifiable cause, for not exceeding one day, the school may be dismissed.

In case of longer absence, or where the absence is likely to be of longer duration, the teacher may furnish a substitute: *Provided*, The person selected is satisfactory to the sub-board having special charge of the school.

In case the absentee does not elect to provide a substitute, he or she shall forthwith notify, or cause to be notified, the principal teacher in the school district where the vacancy occurs, whose duty it shall be to employ a substitute; and such substitute shall be paid by said absentee an amount equal to one half of his or her salary his or her place may be filled; and written evidence of such payment shall be filed with the Committee on Supplies and Accounts prior to the auditing of the salary account of said absentee for the month next succeeding the termination of service of said substitute.

Teachers now in the employ of the Board, by continuing, and those hereafter to be employed, by accepting service, will be understood to agree to this rule.

Persons who hold, or shall obtain, certificates from the Committee on Teachers, and notify the respective principals of their readiness to serve as substitutes, and

do so serve successfully, as opportunity offers, shall have preference, next after graduates of the Normal school, in appointments to the corps of teachers.
Respectfully submitted.

CHAS. E. HOVEY.
GEO. W. DYER.
B. F. PACKARD.
B. F. LLOYD.
R. B. DETRICK.
FRED. W. MOFFATT.
WM. P. RYDER.
JOHN H. BROOKS.

The following amendments were proposed to the rules and regulations.

1. Strike out rule 40.
2. Change 38 to 39. and 39 to 40.
3. Insert as rule 38 the draft of a rule respecting substitutes for absent teachers reported by the Committee on Teachers.
4. Add at the end of rule 39, (new number,) the words "which may be shortened to thirty minutes on stormy days; and in such case the schools shall close at 2.30 o'clock p. m."
5. Amend rule 42 so that it shall read "no other holidays shall be granted without the consent of the Board of Trustees."

Mr. LLOYD offered the following:

Resolved, That the report of the special committee be received, and that said report be taken up for consideration at the next meeting of the Board. Also that the commendation of the committee be referred to the Committee on Rules, with the request that it report at the next meeting of the Board.

Adopted.

On motion, the Board then adjourned.

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REGULAR STATED MEETING.

FRANKLIN SCHOOL BUILDING,

Washington, May 11, 1875.

The Board of Trustees in and for the District of Columbia met on the above date. W. W. Curtis, Esq., in the chair; John H. Brooks, secretary.

Present: Messrs. Brown, Champlin, Dyer, Detrick, French, Hart, Hovey, Johnson, Lloyd, Mitchell, Moffatt, Packard, Ryder, and Smith.

On motion, the reading of the minutes of March 22, 1875, and April 13, 1875, was dispensed with, and approved as printed.

The following communication and accompanying statements were submitted by the secretary for the information of the Board:

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE.

Washington, May 10, 1875.

To the Commissioners of the District of Columbia:

GENTLEMEN: In compliance with the request of the secretary of Public Schools, under date of 4th inst., referred to me by your order of same date, I have the honor to submit herewith statements of "all disbursements on account of the Public Schools," from July 1, 1874, to May 1, 1875.

Very respectfully,

F. COYLE, *Comptroller.*

Statement of warrants issued by the Comptroller of the District of Columbia, on account of the Public Schools of Washington, from July 1, 1874, to June 30, 1875.

Date.	To whom paid.	No. of warrant.	Amount.
1874.			
Aug. 4	Pay-roll.....	505-646	
Aug. 14	Pay-roll.....	1206-1238	\$52,241 72
Sept. 5	T. E. Clark & Co.....	3338	1,978 32
Sept. 10	Chronicle Publishing Company.....	3742	618 59
Sept. 12	Evening Star Company.....	4106	82 00
Sept. 12	S. S. Hunt.....	4107	18 03
Sept. 12	Holtzelaw & Graham.....	4108	3,073 00
Sept. 14	Ringwalt, Hack & Miller.....	4115	214 09
Sept. 14	Pay-roll.....	4125-4152	7 74
Sept. 15	W. Koch.....	4184	149 34
Sept. 15	J. O. Wilson.....	4197	13 50
Sept. 16	Board Trustees.....	4199	100 00
Sept. 18	Washington Gas Company.....	4214	14 00
Sept. 19	D. Hannan.....	4245	60 00
Sept. 19	S. S. Hunt.....	4248	26 30
Sept. 25	J. R. Riggles.....	4279	499 00
Sept. 25	W. W. Vaughn.....	4280	250 00
Sept. 29	Holtzelaw & Graham.....	4420	28 00
Oct. 2	Pay-roll.....	4645-4829	72 49
Oct. 7	W. J. Murtagh.....	5328	10,417 96
Oct. 9	R. McMurray.....	5464	5 54
Oct. 9	S. S. Hunt.....	5465	125 00
Oct. 26	Pay-roll.....	6177-6371	61 25
Oct. 27	T. E. Clark & Co.....	6619	10,531 18
Oct. 27	W. L. Cowan, treasurer.....	6625	2,690 14
Oct. 30	W. Ballantyne.....	7011	12 04
Nov. 1	W. Ballantyne.....	7178	291 00
Nov. 1	Sundry persons.....	7206-7214	1,526 54
Nov. 4	Sundry persons.....	7518-7531	353 47
Nov. 4	J. O. Wilson.....	7533	2,218 33
Nov. 12	Samuel Cross.....	8209	9 00
Nov. 14	W. Ballantyne.....	8220	663 40
Nov. 14	Jno. W. Carr.....	8231	1,142 16
Nov. 14	A. R. Shepherd & Co.....	8237	133 77
Nov. 14	Jas. Hudson.....	8238	95 10
Nov. 14	John Barry.....	8250	27 59
Nov. 16	W. Choate & Co.....	8266	69 49
Nov. 17	E. W. Knowles.....	8278	824 43
Nov. 17	T. H. Dutton.....	8379	90 70
Nov. 17	Geo. Z. Collison.....	8381	50 33
Nov. 17	McGill & Witherow.....	8390	42 00
Nov. 17	J. L. Savage.....	8448	1,044 26
Nov. 21	O. F. Presbrey.....	8460	226 40
Nov. 21	W. L. Dunlop, exec'r.....	8470	145 87
Nov. 21	Conrad Scharfer.....	8471	176 32
Nov. 24	Jno. W. Carr.....	8680	20 00
Nov. 24	Pay-roll.....	8750-8888	5 00
		8893-8894	9,495 66
Nov. 27	W. Choate & Co.....	8892	553 58
Nov. 27	Washington Gas Company.....	8957	69 50
Nov. 27	Pay-roll.....	8965-9006	1,140 34
Nov. 28	H. C. Stephens.....	9134	20 00
Nov. 30	A. R. Shepherd.....	9494	75 00
Dec. 11	S. S. Hunt.....	9954	100 00
Dec. 12	McNichol & Beaman.....	9961	155 20
Dec. 12	H. I. Gregory.....	9965	228 30

Statement of warrants, &c.—Continued.

Date.	To whom paid.	No. of warrant.	Amount.
1874.			
Dec. 12	Holtzelaw & Graham.....	9966	\$1,467 56
Dec. 12	Washington Gas Company.....	9967	72 65
Dec. 15	W. W. Rapley.....	9992	574 35
Dec. 15	Sundry persons.....	9997-10024	3,686 81
Dec. 21	Pay-roll.....	10300-10562	10,643 47
1875.			
Jan. 4	C. B. Church & Sons.....	11442	25 32
Jan. 5	McGill & Witherow.....	11710	109 25
Jan. 5	J. R. Riggles.....	11711	250 00
Jan. 8	A. P. Fardon.....	11939	3 01
Jan. 14	W. Ballantyne.....	12030	36 95
Jan. 15	Washington Gas Company.....	12054	72 50
Jan. 15	A. R. Shepherd & Co.....	12057	83 97
Jan. 18	W. Choate & Co.....	12077	279 27
Jan. 19	T. E. Clark & Co.....	12085	120 28
Jan. 20	M. Fitzgerald.....	12125	139 14
Jan. 26	J. L. Savage.....	12228	35 00
Jan. 29	T. M. Smith.....	12391	64 84
Jan. 30	Miss M. Ella Morgan.....	12416	58 33
Feb. 1	John Dixon.....	12418	12 00
Feb. 1	Pay-roll.....	12503-12693	10,694 41
Feb. 4	Henry Johnson.....	12956	30 00
Feb. 9	Washington Gas Company.....	13054	74 00
Feb. 9	Gray & Noyes.....	13059	80 82
Feb. 9	Holtzelaw & Graham.....	13060	240 17
Feb. 9	Robert Boyd.....	13062	96 59
Feb. 9	W. Nottingham.....	13064	321 43
Feb. 10	Rev. C. I. White.....	13088	250 00
Feb. 10	T. H. Dutton.....	13101	80 10
Feb. 12	McNichol & Beam.....	13120	14 74
Feb. 13	Bright & Humphreys.....	13138	200 00
Feb. 13	J. W. Boteler & Bro.....	13140	105 20
Feb. 13	W. J. Murtagh.....	13142	49 87
Feb. 15	W. Ballantyne.....	13146	380 49
Feb. 15	J. C. McKelden.....	13147	36 67
Feb. 15	T. A. Newman.....	13149	75 00
Feb. 15	R. McMurray.....	13150	125 00
Feb. 15	C. H. Parks, att'y.....	13151	20 00
Feb. 15	J. F. Baner.....	13153	250 00
Feb. 15	T. E. Clark & Co.....	13154	539 69
Feb. 16	Clark & Montgomery.....	13158	56 15
Feb. 17	John Banks.....	13167	3 00
Feb. 17	R. K. Elliott, tr.....	13168	120 00
Feb. 18	Geo. Watts & Co.....	13172	15 00
Feb. 18	G. W. Cissel.....	13173	250 00
Feb. 18	W. Kalb.....	13176	5 82
Feb. 18	A. Hahl & Co.....	13177	27 00
Feb. 19	John G. Strobel.....	13185	7 80
Feb. 24	Solomons & Chapman.....	13512	110 06
Feb. 26	Miss M. Ella Morgan.....	13664	58 34
Feb. 26	C. B. Church & Co.....	13668	75 00
Feb. 26	Naval Lodge F. A. A. M.....	13669	41 67
Feb. 27	Geo. F. Gulick.....	13679	302 76
Feb. 27	Jas. Robbins.....	13683	88 30
Feb. 27	A. P. Marble.....	13684	11 25
Feb. 27	J. C. McKelden.....	13688	300 00
Feb. 27	O. F. Presbrey.....	13691	83 33
Feb. 27	R. S. Parks.....	13701	30 00
Feb. 27	J. W. Boteler & Bro.....	13704	24 00

Statement of warrants, &c.—Continued.

Date.	To whom paid.	No. of warrant.	Amount.
1875.			
Feb. 27	J. A. Van Doren.....	13705	
Mar. 2	W. B. Moses.....	13795	874 45
Mar. 4	Pay-roll.....	13877-14062	219 75
Mar. 5	Bright & Humphreys.....	14174	10,290 86
Mar. 5	N. D. Larner.....	14186	66 66
Mar. 5	S. B. Boarman.....	14192	150 00
Mar. 6	A. R. Shepherd & Co.....	14258	23 32
Mar. 9	Croft & Richards.....	14351	703 82
Mar. 10	Julius Strobel.....	14361	10 00
Mar. 10	G. W. Donn, jr.....	14368	7 54
Mar. 10	J. H. Sullivan.....	14372	25 00
Mar. 11	R. B. Wilson.....	14642	22 00
Mar. 11	R. M. A. Fenwick.....	14643	41 02
Mar. 11	W. Ballantyne.....	14646	4 05
Mar. 11	Washington Gas Company.....	14649	514 51
Mar. 11	W. Nottingham.....	14655	66 75
Mar. 11	R. Hofer.....	14660	37 75
Mar. 12	Holtzelaw & Graham.....	14664	5 10
Mar. 12	C. T. Holtzelaw.....	14665	16 50
Mar. 13	S. H. Donaldson.....	14691	294 48
Mar. 15	W. Nelson.....	14799	69 76
Mar. 16	S. H. Donaldson.....	14715	25 00
Mar. 16	T. E. Clark & Co.....	14718	98 70
Mar. 16	Frank Hume.....	14725	1,261 69
Mar. 16	C. Ofenstein.....	14727	69 60
Mar. 17	M. Cole.....	14736	18 90
Mar. 17	W. W. Farr.....	14792	15 60
Mar. 17	J. L. Savage.....	14798	30 50
Mar. 17	W. W. Farr.....	14800	11 00
Mar. 17	Thos. Lewis.....	14801	8 00
Mar. 17	J. C. Wilson.....	14803	575 24
Mar. 17	W. Choate & Co.....	14806	73 80
Mar. 18	W. Mendenhall.....	14813	37 20
Mar. 18	J. Westerfield.....	14814	7 00
Mar. 18	McNichol & Beam.....	14815	24 25
Mar. 18	C. Seltman.....	14816	22 48
Mar. 19	A. R. Shepherd & Co.....	14850	26 00
Mar. 20	W. Nottingham.....	14856	44 65
Mar. 20	John Barry.....	14859	13 20
Mar. 20	Odorless Excavating Company.....	14860	15 75
Mar. 20	W. E. Spalding & Son.....	14864	192 00
Mar. 22	J. W. Barker.....	14874	18 95
Mar. 22	Wm. Durr.....	14865	600 00
Mar. 22	S. J. Thomson.....	14876	25 00
Mar. 22	L. H. Schneider.....	14878	40 00
Mar. 22	G. L. Wild & Bro.....	14879	36 06
Mar. 24	W. Nottingham.....	14908	15 60
Mar. 24	W. E. Spalding & Son.....	14913	45 00
Mar. 25	John Barry.....	14922	18 78
Mar. 25	T. H. Dutton.....	14924	112 65
Mar. 30	W. W. Rapley.....	15171	17 75
Mar. 30	H. I. Gregory.....	15181	83 90
April 1	Pay-roll.....	15361-15546	50 50
April 1	Pay-roll.....	15548-15553	10,515 73
April 7	W. M. Davis.....	16085	123 31
April 13	Mary M. Cameron.....	16298	8 85
April 16	Washington Gas Company.....	16326	200 00
April 17	A. R. Shepherd & Co.....	16335	77 50
April 19	G. R. Cockson.....	16340	27 87
			10 75

Statement of warrants, &c.—Continued.

Date.	To whom paid.	No. of warrant.	Amount.
1875.		16341	\$8 75
April 19	Wm. Day	16342	44 50
April 19	H. I. Gregory	16344	73 55
April 19	Lutheran Church	16345	45 14
April 19	W. J. Murtagh	16348	7 50
April 19	R. Hofer	16349	1,376 12
April 19	T. E. Clark & Co.	16351	36 68
April 19	S. B. Boorman, trustee	16352	140 00
April 20	L. W. Slater, treas.	16353	51 00
April 20	W. Mendenhall	16354	182 50
April 20	Oderless Excavating Company	16355	2 00
April 20	C. H. Parker	16356	240 40
April 20	H. L. Gettier	16357	2 50
April 20	P. T. Vannice	16358	13 75
April 20	W. E. Spalding & Son	16359	6 20
April 20	Julius Strobell	16360	7 50
April 20	Jane Ross	16361	3 00
April 20	W. W. Farr	16362	136 90
April 20	C. T. Holtzelaw	16363	10 00
April 20	Fisher & Son	16365	4 20
April 20	J. T. Harshman	16368	250 00
April 20	Rev. C. I. White	16370	200 00
April 30	Bright & Humphreys	16371	300 00
April 20	J. C. McKelden	16372	75 00
April 20	W. Durr	16373	50 15
April 20	T. V. Noonan	16374	100 00
April 20	Mary M. Cameron	16375	175 00
April 20	T. A. Newman, trustee	16376	333 33
April 20	J. R. Riggles, treas.	16377	120 00
April 20	S. J. Thomson	16378	17 00
April 20	E. M. Williamson	16379	125 00
April 20	J. T. Given, cl'n	16381	45 00
April 20	R. S. Parks	16383	90 00
April 20	L. Chappel	16384	75 00
April 20	C B Church	16385	45 00
April 20	W. Nottingham	16386	600 00
April 20	J. W. Barker	16387	36 00
April 20	W. Luskey	16388	15 00
April 20	W. A. Luskey	16389	30 00
April 20	Benj. Luskey	16390	259 00
April 20	O. F. Presbrey, treas.	16391	400 00
April 20	G. F. Gulick	16393	120 00
April 20	R. K. Elliott, treas.	16395	1,006 29
April 20	McGill & Withrow	16404	35 24
April 21	W. Nottingham	16414	150 00
April 21	Evangelical Association	16417	250 00
April 21	G. W. Cissel	16419	291 11
April 22	W. Choate & Co	16428	222 22
April 23	C. E. Prentiss, treas.	16435	472 71
April 24	W. Ballantyne	16588-16779	10,702 10
April 27	Pay-roll	17655	\$69 25
May 8	Washington Gas-light Company	17667	155 19
May 8	C. F. Smithson	17668	47 44
May 8	R. B. Wilson	17755	206 36
May 18	T. Ed Clark & Co.	17756	26 88
May 18	Wm. J. Lee	17759	24 00
May 18	P. F. Vannice	17760	24 72
May 18	Wm. B. Marche	17777	74 87
May 19	Wm. Nottingham	17780	4 00
May 20	J. S. Brent		

Statement of warrants, &c.—Continued.

Date.	To whom paid.	No. of warrant.	Amount.
1875.			
May 20	Warren Choate & Co.....	17790	
May 20	John Barry.....	17793	\$258 33
May 20	Oderless Excavating Company.....	17796	167 20
May 20	Jas. Robbins.....	17797	99 00
May 20	Wm. Ballantyne.....	17798	132 21
May 20	P. Hickey.....	17800	120 08
May 20	R. Hofer.....	17801	11 20
May 20	Z. D. Gilman.....	17802	6 25
May 20	W. Kolb.....	17803	20
May 20	C. W. Perkins.....	17804	77 13
May 20	S. P. Drumheller.....	17805	12 37
May 20	N. D. Larner.....	17806	25 00
May 20	E. Z. Steever.....	17807	150 00
May 20	Geo. Willner.....	17808	3 50
May 20	Geo. W. Day.....	17809	4 25
May 20	P. T. Vannice.....	17810	5 38
May 21	W. W. Farr.....	17812	100 70
May 21	Kidwell & Henderson.....	17818	16 68
June 2	Pay Roll.....	18564-18755	484 50
June 3	A. R. Shepherd.....	18869	10,720 04
June 16	Geo. Willner.....	19147	150 00
June 17	J. Strobel.....	19148	25 60
June 17	A. S. Pratt & Son.....	19150	7 80
June 17	J. R. Riggles.....	19151	38 75
June 17	Wm. Nottingham.....	19152	10 00
June 17	H. Donch.....	19153	52 72
June 17	J. L. Pearson.....	19154	36 00
June 17	A. Hart.....	19155	36 00
June 17	A. Ambush.....	19156	13 65
June 17	H. L. Gettier.....	19157	15 00
June 17	R. G. Campbell.....	19158	25 00
June 17	S. H. Donaldson.....	19159	7 10
June 17	S. S. Hunt, per C. B. Church & Son.....	19160	6 00
June 17	T. Ed. Clark & Co.....	19161	268 28
June 17	T. Ed. Clark & Co.....	19161	15 50
June 18	McGill & Witherow.....	19171	93 05
June 18	A. Hart.....	19175	9 16
June 18	T. Ed. Clark & Co.....	19177	36 35
June 18	C. T. Klakring.....	19178	28 58
June 18	Jos. L. Savage.....	19183	44 75
June 18	J. W. McKnight & Co.....	19185	20 40
June 21	Wm. Ballantyne.....	19190	146 28
June 21	Oderless Excavating Company.....	19192	59 10
June 21	Washington Gas Light Company.....	19195	46 25
June 22	Wall & Robinson.....	19197	12 10
June 22	S. H. Donaldson.....	19198	127 30
June 23	Pay-roll (p't).....	19200-19404	30,306 61
June 24	Pay-roll (p't).....	19494-19553	656 99
Total amount for the school year.....			229,213 99

Statement of warrants issued by the Comptroller of the District of Columbia, on account of the Public Schools of Georgetown, from July 1, 1874, to June 30, 1875.

Date.	To whom paid.	No. of warrant.	Amount.
1874.		727-746	
Aug. 6	Pay-roll.....	1239	\$4,106 75
Aug. 14	Jno. J. Bogue, agent.	4106	50 20
Sept. 12	Evening Star Company.....	4115	9 02
Sept. 14	Ringwalt, Hack & Miller.....	4184	3 87
Sept. 15	W. J. Murtagh.....	4197	6 75
Sept. 15	J. O. Wilson.....	4829	50 00
Oct. 2	J. O. Wilson.....	5328	50 00
Oct. 7	W. J. Murtagh.....	5337-5358	1 85
Oct. 8	Pay-roll.....	5462	1,052 59
Oct. 9	S. S. Hunt.....	5836	250 00
Oct. 15	S. S. Hunt.....	6176	250 00
Oct. 23	S. S. Hunt.....	6177	250 00
Oct. 26	J. O. Wilson.....	6420-6441	50 00
Oct. 26	Pay-roll.....	6619	1,052 59
Oct. 27	T. E. Clark & Co.....	7011	331 58
Oct. 30	W. Ballantyne.....	7172	31 00
Oct. 31	S. S. Hunt.....	7491-7499	250 00
Nov. 3	Sundry persons.....	7500-7505	116 60
Nov. 3	Sundry persons.....	7535	244 94
Nov. 4	J. O. Wilson.....	7596	4 00
Nov. 6	S. S. Hunt.....	8213	250 00
Nov. 12	S. S. Hunt.....	8230	250 00
Nov. 14	W. Ballantyne.....	8260-8263	69 96
Nov. 16	Pay-roll.....	8448	40 00
Nov. 20	J. L. Savage.....	8449	56 60
Nov. 20	S. S. Hunt.....	8892	250 00
Nov. 27	W. Choate & Co.....	8937-8952	133 39
Nov. 27	Pay-roll.....	8962	1,016 59
Nov. 27	S. S. Hunt.....	8965-9006	250 00
Nov. 27	Pay-roll, (part).....	9007-9012	50 00
Nov. 27	Pay-roll.....	9654	36 00
Dec. 4	S. S. Hunt.....	9952	250 00
Dec. 11	S. S. Hunt.....	10025-10036	250 00
Dec. 15	Sundry persons.....	10246	291 26
Dec. 18	B. F. Janney.....	10268	133 33
Dec. 19	S. S. Hunt.....	10300-10562	375 00
Dec. 21	Pay-roll.....	11281	971 26
Dec. 24	S. S. Hunt.....		375 00
1875.			
Jan. 4	S. S. Hunt.....	11708	375 00
Jan. 9	S. S. Hunt.....	11964	375 00
Jan. 14	W. Ballantyne.....	12030	5 43
Jan. 18	W. Choate & Co.....	12077	63 56
Jan. 18	C. Memmert.....	12079	42 75
Feb. 1	Lucy Dorris.....	12429	18 40
Feb. 1	Pay-roll, (part).....	12503-12693	50 00
Feb. 1	Pay-roll.....	12694-12715	1,052 69
Feb. 2	Mrs. M. Frizzell.....	12771	12 00
Feb. 2	J. D. McGill.....	12772	3 00
Feb. 13	J. W. Boteler & Bro.....	13140	26 30
Feb. 13	W. T. Burdette.....	13141	9 10
Feb. 13	W. J. Martagh.....	13142	12 46
Feb. 15	W. Ballantyne.....	13146	37 68
Feb. 15	T. E. Clark & Co.....	13154	14 03
Feb. 18	Geo. Watts & Co.....	13172	3 00
Feb. 24	Solomons & Chapman.....	13512	25 81
Feb. 27	A. P. Marble.....	13684	2 50

Statement of warrants, &c.—Continued.

Date.	To whom paid.	No. of warrant.	Amount.
1875.			
Mar. 3	Pay-roll.....	13804-13825	\$1,052 72
Mar. 4	Pay-roll, (part).....	13877-14062	50 00
Mar. 13	W. T. Burdette.....	14699	9 25
Mar. 16	T. E. Clark & Co.....	14718	154 09
Mar. 16	Frank Hume.....	14725	17 25
Mar. 17	W. Choate & Co.....	14808	9 30
Mar. 19	W. Ballantyne.....	14827	5 50
Mar. 22	A. Tennant.....	14877	12 00
Mar. 22	J. C. Kayser.....	14880	75
Mar. 23	C. H. Demar.....	14889	9 06
Mar. 31	Pay-roll.....	15286-15307	1,052 59
April 1	Pay-roll, (part).....	15361-15546	50 00
April 19	W. J. Murtagh.....	16345	11 28
April 19	T. E. Clark & Co.....	16349	66 72
April 20	R. Brace, tr.....	16369	180 00
April 20	J. Ramsburg.....	16394	22 40
April 20	McGill & Witherow.....	16295	28 37
April 21	Odorless Excavating Company.....	16413	16 00
April 22	W. Choate & Co.....	16419	72 77
April 24	W. Ballantyne.....	16435	57 85
April 27	Pay-roll.....	16515-16536	1,052 69
April 27	Pay-roll, (part).....	16588-16779	50 00
April 30	W. Laird, jr., Tr.....	17075	2,800 00
May 1	Wm. T. Burdette.....	17091	22 10
May 4	Geo. W. Moore.....	17269	14 00
May 18	T. Ed. Clark & Co.....	17755	41 08
May 18	Georgetown Gas-light Company.....	17758	27 30
May 20	Warren Choate & Co.....	17790	64 58
May 20	Oderless Excavating Company.....	17796	42 00
May 20	Wm. Ballantyne.....	17798	25 88
May 21	Kennebec-Potomac Ice Company.....	17814	14 60
June 1	Pay-roll.....	18432-18453	1,102 72
June 15	G. B. Wibirt.....	19137	166 66
June 17	N. P. Causin, agt.....	19163	50 00
June 17	Alex. Tennant.....	19165	73 25
June 18	J. W. Deeble, sec'y.....	19169	25 00
June 18	G. L. Wild & Bro.....	19170	2 00
June 18	McGill & Witherow.....	19171	11 95
June 18	Buckey & Marbury.....	19174	18 50
June 18	A. Hart.....	19175	2 28
June 18	C. T. Kalkring.....	19178	7 14
June 21	Oderless Excavating Company.....	19192	10 00
June 23	Pay-roll (part).....	19200-19404	3,275 00
June 24	Pay-roll (part).....	19494-19553	119 33
Total amount for the school year.....			27,229 80

*Statement of warrants issued by the Comptroller of the District of Columbia,
on account of the Public Schools of Washington County, from July 1,
1874, to June 30, 1875.*

Date.	To whom paid.	No. of warrant.	Amount.
1874.		648-680	
Aug. 5	Pay-roll	3149	\$10,780 00
Sept. 4	J. J. Bogue	4106	334 02
Sept. 12	"Evening Star" Company	4115	9 01
Sept. 14	Ringwall, Hack, & Miller	4184	3 87
Sept. 15	W. Koch	4197	6 75
Sept. 15	Pay-roll (part)	4829	50 00
Sept. 15	Pay-roll (part)	5328	50 00
Oct. 2	W. J. Murtagh	5409-5457	92
Oct. 2	Pay-roll	6177	2,137 22
Oct. 9	Pay-roll (part)	6372-6419	50 00
Oct. 26	Pay-roll	6619	2,132 39
Oct. 26	T. E. Clark & Co	7011	162 64
Oct. 27	W. Ballantyne	7158	68 70
Oct. 30	C. Kattleman	7533	1 00
Oct. 31	Pay-roll (part)	8230	2 00
Nov. 4	W. Ballantyne	8366	195 40
Nov. 14	W. Choate & Co	8380	247 63
Nov. 16	Jeff. Keadley	8390	5 00
Nov. 17	McGill & Witherow	8446	8 50
Nov. 17	S. S. Hunt	8448	1,275 00
Nov. 19	J. L. Savage	8892	56 60
Nov. 20	J. L. Savage	8905-8936	133 39
Nov. 20	Pay-roll	8965-9006	2,040 72
Nov. 20	Pay-roll (part)	9013-9031	50 00
Nov. 20	Pay-roll	9962	133 00
Dec. 12	J. S. Beam	10025-10036	167 95
Dec. 15	Sundry persons	10179	1,222 51
Dec. 18	Holtzelaw & Graham	10247	567 56
Dec. 18	S. S. Hunt	10300-10562	166 00
Dec. 21	Pay-roll		2,246 56
1875.			
Jan. 14	W. Ballantyne	12030	5 42
Jan. 18	W. Choate & Co	12077	63 56
Feb. 1	Pay-roll (part)	12503-12693	50 00
Feb. 1	Pay-roll	12715-12766	2,209 07
Feb. 9	Samuel Cross	13057	12 75
Feb. 13	J. W. Boteler & Bro	13140	26 30
Feb. 13	W. J. Murtagh	13142	12 46
Feb. 15	W. Ballantyne	13146	1 70
Feb. 16	J. S. Beam	13160	29 00
Feb. 18	Geo. Watts & Co	13172	3 00
Feb. 24	Solomons & Chapman	13512	25 81
Feb. 27	A. P. Marble	13684	6 25
Feb. 27	Wm. Edwards	13707	3 00
Mar. 3	Pay-roll	13826-13876	2,209 07
Mar. 4	Pay-roll (part)	13877-14062	50 00
Mar. 5	C. B. Smith	14173	1 50
Mar. 8	T. F. Miller	14336	30 00
Mar. 11	S. B. Seaggs	14653	16 00
Mar. 11	Frank Brooks	14658	25 00
Mar. 13	Mary Jackson	14690	8 00
Mar. 16	T. E. Clark & Co	14718	17 41
Mar. 16	Frank Hume	14725	17 25
Mar. 17	B. F. Packard	14787	4 75
Mar. 17	H. J. Gregory	14796	107 50

Statement of warrants, &c.--Continued.

Date.	To whom paid.	No. of warrant.	Amount.
1875.			
Mar. 17	J. L. Savage	14798	\$17 50
Mar. 17	W. Choate & Co	14806	9 30
Mar. 19	W. Ballantyne.....	14826	511 48
Mar. 19	Jno. R. Dale.....	14843	15 00
Mar. 19	Weeden & Morrison.....	14848	18 00
Mar. 19	J. J. Calvert.....	14849	5 00
Mar. 20	Charles Weaver.....	14857	30 00
Mar. 20	J. T. Green.....	14861	4 50
Mar. 31	Pay-roll.....	15308-15359	2,208 86
April 1	Pay-roll (part).....	15361-15546	50 00
April 19	H. I. Gregory (part).....	16342	21 50
April 19	W. J. Murtagh (part).....	16345	11 28
April 19	T. E. Clark & Co (part).....	16349	167 34
April 20	W. E. Spalding & Son (part).....	16358	12 10
April 20	C. Weaver.....	16380	10 00
April 20	S. B. Scaggs.....	16392	24 00
April 20	McGill & Witherow (part).....	16395	21 57
April 20	S. M. Robinson.....	16396	1 00
April 20	Wesley Jackson.....	16399	1 50
April 21	C. Weaver.....	16401	4 00
April 21	W. S. Tappan.....	16405	3 00
April 22	W. Choate & Co (part).....	16419	72 77
April 24	W. Ballantyne.....	16435	113 87
April 27	Pay-roll.....	16537-16587	2,182 67
April 27	Pay-roll (part).....	16588-16779	50 00
May 18	T. E. Clark & Co (part).....	17755	15 71
May 20	W. Choate & Co (part).....	17790	64 58
May 20	W. Ballantyne (part).....	17798	25 30
May 22	J. Riley.....	17821	5 00
May 22	W. S. Tappan.....	17824	2 00
May 22	E. Day.....	17825	4 00
June 1	Pay-roll.....	18382-18431	2,154 90
June 1	V. Taylor.....	18557	12 00
June 2	Pay-roll (part).....	18564-18755	50 00
June 18	McGill & Witherow (part).....	19171	9 00
June 18	A. Hart (part).....	19175	3 28
June 18	T. E. Clark & Co (part).....	19177	6 77
June 18	C. T. Klakring (part).....	19178	7 14
June 18	J. L. Savage (part).....	19183	1 25
June 21	W. Ballantyne (part).....	19190	39 63
June 23	Pay-roll.....	19200-19400	6,287 50
June 24	Pay-roll (part).....	19494-19533	134 00
June 29	Ellen Matthews	20113	12 00
1874.			
Sept. 22	Alice Duffy	4266	200 00
Total amount for the school year.....			43,838 44

Statement of warrants issued by the Comptroller of the District of Columbia, on account of the Public Colored Schools of Washington and Georgetown, from July 1, 1874, to June 30, 1875.

Date.	To whom paid.	No. of warrant	Amount.
1874.		856-959	
Aug. 10	Pay-roll.....	1205	\$22,944 00
Aug. 13	Ida Nutter.....	1258-1271	160 00
Aug. 17	Pay-roll.....	4214	5,074 29
Aug. 18	Washington Gas Company.....	5111-5212	14 50
Sept. 5	Pay-roll.....	5328	5,838 34
Oct. 7	W. J. Murtagh.....	5852	3 60
Oct. 16	N. D. Larner.....	6619	53 75
Oct. 27	T. E. Clark & Co.	7014	1,223 75
Oct. 30	Samuel Cross.....	7532	48 75
Nov. 4	Charles Lemon.....	7534	45 00
Nov. 4	Isaac Davenport.....	7998	40 97
Nov. 9	Wight & Frost.....	7999	50 00
Nov. 9	C. B. Church & Co.....	8000	60 00
Nov. 9	W. J. Rhees.....	8002-8012	250 00
Nov. 9	Pay-roll.....	8014-8115	2,030 26
Nov. 9	Pay-roll.....	8144	5,853 62
Nov. 11	Washington Gas Company.....	8212	10 25
Nov. 12	W. Ballantyne.....	8231	463 82
Nov. 14	J. W. Carr.....	8387	4 07
Nov. 17	J. L. Savage.....	8388	155 60
Nov. 17	W. Choate & Co.....	8389	126 68
Nov. 17	W. W. Farr.....	8957	72 00
Nov. 27	Washington Gas Company.....	8958	18 00
Nov. 27	G. Crandell.....	9032-9133	30 06
Nov. 27	Pay-roll.....	9967	5,854 26
Dec. 12	Washington Gas Company.....	9968	22 00
Dec. 12	Nat'l Met. Fire Ins. Co.....	9970	25 00
Dec. 12	Bradley, Keizer & Painter.....	10563-10664	4 00
Dec. 21	Pay-roll.....	11393	5,795 29
Dec. 30	R. T. Greener.....	11437	150 00
Dec. 31	John H. Brown.....		1,172 75
1875.			
Jan. 4	G. H. Brooks.....	11443	80 00
Jan. 5	Henry Warren.....	11709	284 00
Jan. 6	T. E. Clark & Co.....	11826	17 40
Jan. 15	Washington Gas Company.....	12054	29 75
Jan. 18	W. Choate & Co.....	12077	20 74
Jan. 19	G. W. Goodall.....	12082	1,023 35
Jan. 30	H. W. Parke.....	12414	100 00
Feb. 3	Pay-roll.....	12839-12938	5,720 29
Feb. 4	C. A. Stewart.....	12944	41 67
Feb. 9	Washington Gas Company.....	13054	39 00
Feb. 9	Samuel Cross.....	13057	35 00
Feb. 10	T. A. Watson.....	13098	25 00
Feb. 10	Walter Jackson.....	13100	419 30
Feb. 11	J. L. Matthews.....	13110	37 05
Feb. 13	W. J. Murtagh.....	13142	132 46
Feb. 15	W. Ballantyne.....	13146	2 40
Feb. 15	Gray & Noyes.....	13148	12 04
Feb. 15	T. E. Clark & Co.....	13154	470 0

Statement of warrants, &c.—Continued.

Date.	To whom paid.	No. of warrant	Amount.
1875.			
Feb. 17	W. Choate & Co.....	13166	5127 70
Feb. 17	R. E. Williams.....	13169	80 00
Feb. 18	Geo. Watts & Co.....	13172	12 00
Feb. 18	Nat. Union Fire Ins. Company..	13174	12 00
Feb. 18	A Hahl & Co.....	13177	10 00
Feb. 24	Jno. S. Brent.....	13506	12 00
Feb. 24	Solomons & Chapman.....	13512	73 88
Feb. 25	Samuel Cross	13523	90 00
Feb. 26	C. B. Church & Co.....	13667	60 00
Feb. 27	A. P. Marble.....	13684	5 00
Mar. 4	Pay-roll	14063-14163	5,781 18
Mar. 5	W. J. Rhees.....	14172	250 00
Mar. 5	Solomons & Chapman.....	14182	10 40
Mar. 5	M. A. Ward.....	14184	58 33
Mar. 9	Nat. Union Fire Ins. Company..	14346	30 00
Mar. 9	Nat. Union Fire Ins. Company..	14348	30 00
Mar. 11	W. Ballantyne.....	14648	224 98
Mar. 11	Washington Gas Company.....	14649	30 25
Mar. 16	T. E. Clark & Co.....	14718	501 61
Mar. 16	Frank Hume.....	14725	96 02
Mar. 17	W. W. Farr.....	14800	30 00
Mar. 17	W. Jackson.....	14828	119 89
Mar. 17	T. A. Watson.....	14845	40 85
Mar. 20	Odorless Excavating Company...	14860	152 00
Mar. 20	Wight & Frost.....	14890	100 00
Mar. 20	Cornelius Peck.....	14892	3 10
Mar. 27	J. McGrundy.....	15054	47 90
Mar. 27	J. L. Mathews.....	15055	34 00
Mar. 30	W. W. Rapley.....	15171	108 50
Mar. 31	Pay-roll.....	15183-15282	5,755 29
April 16	Washington Gas Company.....	16326	15 25
April 17	A. R. Shepperd & Co	16335	146 65
April 19	W. J. Murtagh.....	16345	511 30
April 19	T. E. Clark & Co.....	16349	381 09
April 20	W. J. Rhees.....	16367	250 00
April 20	Wight & Frost	16382	75 00
April 20	C. B. Church... ..	16384	60 00
April 20	McGill & Witherow.....	16395	26 82
April 20	W. W. Farr.....	16397	2 50
April 20	J. D. Baltimore.....	16398	2 50
April 21	Manning & Bros.....	16407	7 15
April 21	F. Davis.....	16408	7 25
April 21	Odorless Excavating Company...	16409	101 00
April 22	R. A. Williams.....	16421	50 00
April 29	Pay-roll.....	16894-16992	5,683 63
May 8	Washington Gas-light Company..	17655	13 50
May 18	Geo. H. Brooks.....	17754	100 00
May 18	T. Ed. Clark & Co.....	17755	131 85
May 20	J. S. Brent	17789	20 00
May 20	Warren Choate & Co.....	17790	13 37

Statement of warrants, &c. — Continued.

Date.	To whom paid.	No. of warrant	Amount.
1875.	Oderless Excavating Company...	17796	
May 20	Wm. Ballantyne.....	17798	\$46 00
May 20	C. A. Krause.....	17811	97 63
May 21	H. Johnson.....	17813	12 40
May 21	Pay-roll.....	18454-18552	10 00
June 1	McGill & Witherow.....	19171	5,681 24
June 18	J. D. Baltimore.....	19172	32 50
June 18	Noah Jones.....	19173	5 40
June 18	A. Hart.....	19175	5 00
June 18	R. Beresford.....	19176	2 28
June 18	C. T. Klakring.....	19178	35 25
June 18	Oderless Excavating Company...	19192	7 14
June 21	Washington Gas-light Company..	19195	41 00
June 21	Pay-roll.....	19406-19493	6 50
June 24	Pay-roll.....	19554-19564	15,377 50
June 24	Pay-roll.....	19623-19633	558 00
June 25	Pay-roll.....		222 00
Total amount for the school year			109,709 73

Summary of the foregoing statements.

Amount expended by warrants for Washington Public Schools	-	\$229,213 99
Amount expended by warrants for Georgetown Public Schools	-	27,220 80
Amount expended by warrants for County Public Schools	-	43,838 44
Amount expended by warrants for Colored Public Schools	-	109,709 73

Total amount of warrants issued for school purposes in District of Columbia, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1875 - - - 409,991 96

Also a communication from the honorable Commissioners of the District of Columbia, inclosing a proposition from Messrs. Warren Choate & Co., to re-cover black board rubbers now used in the Public Schools.

Referred to Committee on Supplies and Accounts.

Mr. CURTIS, presented the following from the Peabody Library Association :

The report of the committee consisting of Messrs. Dunlop, Cook, and Lloyd appointed May 3d, to examine the proposal of the Public School authorities to furnish a room in the new building in Georgetown for the use of the Association.

The committee, having discharged the duty assigned it, beg leave to report :

1st. That in the arrangement and construction of the new school building, two rooms have been provided and set apart for the purposes of the Peabody Library Association, and also a room for the Linthicum Institute.

2d. That the rooms set apart for the Peabody Library Association are well arranged, and are sufficient for a library and reading room, and ample, at least for the present, for all the purposes for which they are intended.

3d. That these rooms were offered to the Peabody Library Association, and the Linthicum Institute to be under their control, respectively, and to be used by them as long as they may desire.

4th. That the care of said rooms, like the other parts of the building, can be under the Janitor of the school-house, for which he would be, no doubt, reasonably compensated by the two associations ; and that for the heating and lighting of the rooms, your committee have no doubt that an economical arrangement can be made with the school authorities, and a like economical arrangement can be made by the two associations, for attention to their respective associations, and otherwise work to their mutual advantage.

Your committee further reports that, by the terms of Mr. Peabody's gift, the association is authorized "to erect a house and establish a library therein," but, in view of the fact that the fund is not sufficient for both purposes, but is ample for the one purpose of establishing and maintaining a library and reading-room, it is fair to presume that Mr. Peabody never contemplated such an offer as this, and that, if living, he would readily acquiesce in the acceptance of it ; that such an establishment would meet the end he had in view : be of great benefit to the people of the town, particularly the young, and supply a great need, to which they are anxiously looking that this offer may be accepted as a temporary arrangement, at least, if not a permanent one, without violating the spirit and intention of Mr. Peabody's gift ; and, finally, that if this proposition fails there is no probability of the fund becoming available for many years to come, your committee offers for your consideration the following resolution :

Resolved, That the offer of the school authorities, of the free use of said rooms in the new school building in Georgetown, for the purposes of this association, be accepted and that a committee consisting of (afterwards filled with the names of Messrs. Hyde and Dunlop) be, and the same is hereby, appointed to inform the public school authorities thereof, ask their needful action in the premises, make all necessary arrangements for the establishment of the said library and reading room and report the same to this board for its action.

Respectfully submitted May 10, 1875.

W. S. DUNLOP.
A. HYDE.

Referred to the Sub-Board of the Fifth District.

A communication was received from J. Martin McFarland, in reference to his bill for tuning pianos in the Public Schools, and referred to the Committee on Supplies and Accounts.

Application for positions of teachers in the Public Schools of Washington were received from Mr. A. J. Umholtz of Mt. Union, Stark Co., Ohio ; M. J. Adams of Georgetown, D. C. ; Miss Eva M. Davis and Nellie B. Kelman of Salem, Mass. ; Mrs. Alice M. Dalin and Nellie Gibbs of Black River Falls, Wisconsin ; which were referred to Superintendent J. O. Wilson.

Application for positions of teachers in the Public Colored Schools of Washington and Georgetown were received from Misses Marion P. Sydd, Lucy E. Mote, Ella W. Somerville, and Ella D. Barrier ; which were referred to Superintendent Cook.

The reports of the Director of Music, and his assistant, of the Public Schools of Washington, for the month of April, were submitted, and referred to Superintendent Wilson.

The Superintendents submitted the following abstract of reports of the Public Schools of the District of Columbia for April, 1875:

	Washington.	George-town.	County.	Total.
1. Whole number of pupils enrolled :	8 368	750	680	
White.....	3,780	800	818	9,807
Colored				4,898
Total.....	12,148	1,050	1,493	14,705
2. Number of pupils on the rolls the last day of the month:				
White.....	8,118	761	633	9,514
Colored	3, 69	298	543	4,710
Total.....	11,787	1,050	1,378	14 224
3. Average number of pupils in daily attendance :				
White.....	7,721	720	497	8,938
Colored	3,581	266	581	4,428
Total.....	11,302	986	1,078	13 368
4. Percentage of attendance :				
White.....	94.7	94.2	85.9	
Colored	96.9	96.7	86.8	
5. Number of teachers employed :				
White.....	157	16	15	188
Colored	80	7	16	103
Total.....	237	23	31	291
6. Number of cases of tardiness :				
White.....	188	180	....	568
Colored	183	6	....	180
Total.....	571	186	....	757
7. Number of cases of corporal punishment :				
White.....	19	7	16	35
Colored	59	3	18	80
Total.....	71	10	34	115
8. Number of pupils dismissed :				
White.....	15	5	....	20
Colored	18	2	....	20
Total.....	33	7	....	40

J. ORMOND WILSON,
GEO. F. T. COOK,
Superintendents.

Mr. CURTIS submitted the following:

The Sub-Board of the Fifth District recommended the appointment of Mr. G. E. Wibert as janitor of the Georgetown school building, at a rate of compensation not exceeding one thousand dollars per annum, beginning April 1st, 1875.

W. W. CURTIS,
F. W. MOFFATT.

Mr. CHAMPLIN, from the Committee on Supplies and Accounts, reported the following bills, which, upon motion, were approved:

W. W. Farr, \$16.68; R. Hofer, \$6.25; Geo. Willner, \$4.25; P. T. Vannice, \$4.25, \$12, \$24, \$69.20, \$5.50, \$14—\$128.95; Odorless Ex. Apps. Co., \$9, \$27, \$33, \$15, \$15, \$32, \$5, \$5, \$6, \$40—\$177; Kidwell & Henderson, \$41, \$199.12, \$116.80, \$73.98, \$53.60—\$484.50; John Barry, \$167.20; John P. Dumbeller, \$9.67; \$15.33—\$25; Wm. Ballantyne, \$30.02, \$30.02, \$30.02, \$30.02, \$25.88, \$25.98, \$29.57, \$68.06—\$269.57; James Robbins, \$63.05; Wm. J. Lee, \$7, \$11.88, \$8—\$26.88; Noble D. Lerner, \$150; T. Edw. Clark & Co., \$23.87, \$91.21, \$91.23, \$41.08, \$15.71, \$131.85—\$395; Geo. W. Day, \$5.38; Chas. W. Perkins, \$12.37; John S. Brent, \$4; Z. D. Gilman, 20c.; W. Nottingham, \$74.87; Wm. Kolb, \$77.13; P. Hickey, \$11.20; Wm. B. Marche, \$24.72; Washington Gas-Light Co., \$34.25, \$15.50, \$13.75, \$14, \$5, \$1.25, \$9—\$92.75; E. Z. Steever, \$3.50; Warren Choate & Co., \$64.58, \$64.59, \$64.58, \$64.58, \$13.45—\$400.93; Kennebec & Potomac Ice Co.,

\$5.40, \$9.20—\$13.60 ; J. J. Fry, \$16.75 ; Emanuel Day, \$4 ; Wm. S. Tappen, \$2 ; John Riley, \$5 ; Henry Johnson, \$10 ; Geo. H. Brooks, \$100 ; John S. Brent, \$20 ; Chas. A. Krause, \$12.40 ; James Robbins, \$69.16 ; total, \$2,881.05.

Mr. CHAMPLIN, from the same committee, submitted the following :

Whereas, Section 38 of the act of the Legislature of the District of Columbia, prescribing the duties of certain officers for the District of Columbia, August 23, 1871, defines the duties of the Auditor of the District, approved against the Public schools, as follows :

That all accounts against the Board of Trustees of Public Schools, and Board of Commissioners of the Fire Department shall be rendered in duplicate, and when found correct, shall be approved by the said boards respectively and immediately after the close of each month, a statement of all accounts received and immediately as aforesaid, shall be transmitted with the duplicate accounts embraced in such statements to the Auditor of the District, who shall thereupon examine the same; if approved by him, he shall file in his office one set of such accounts, and transmit to the Comptroller a certified statement thereof ; the other set he shall return, with his approval thereon, to the respective Board of Trustees of Public Schools and Fire Commissioners.

Should any account transmitted to the Auditor, as aforesaid, be not approved by him, he shall return one set thereof to the boards in which they originated with reasons for his disapproval indorsed thereon.

And whereas, The Auditor of the District has audited bills against the Public Schools, which were neither approved by the Board of Trustees, nor transmitted to him by said board, and in a number of cases has audited bills against the Public Schools, approved by the Board of Trustees for certain amounts, for more than the amount, and in the two latter instances has not informed the Board of Trustees of Public Schools of the facts nor of the reasons for doing so ; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the honorable Commissioners of the District of Columbia be respectfully requested to direct the Auditor to audit the bills against the Public Schools in accordance with the law.

Adopted.

Mr. HART, from the Committee on Supplies and Accounts, reported the following bills against the late Board of the County Schools, with the recommendation that they be approved :

Sarah A. Shinn, teacher's salary	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$75 00
Elizabeth Lee, janitor's salary	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18 50
Mary Hodges, " "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15 62
Osamus Ferris " "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18 00
Originis Taylor " "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12 00
S. P. Abell " "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9 00
Lingan Anderson " "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3 00
Wm. H. Harris " "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9 00
Mary Edwards " "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18 00
Ellen Mathews " "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	21 00
John Buckner " "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6 00
John Cephas " "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16 50
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	216 62

Approved.

Also the following bills against the late Board of Trustees of Georgetown, and recommended approval:

J. J. Frey, for carpenter work	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$65 00
McGill & Witherow, for printing (County)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	27 25

Approved.

Mr. HART, from the same committee, also submitted the following financial statement for the month of April:

Amount of salaries	\$19,910 22
Amount of contingent expenses	2,881 05
Total	\$22,791 27

Mr. BROWN, from the Committee on Rules, submitted the following report:

To the Board of School Trustees, District of Columbia:

The Committee on Rules, to whom was referred a proposed additional rule regulating the employment of substitutes in the white schools of Washington and Georgetown, in case of the necessary absence of teachers, submitted at the last meeting of the board, report the same back to the board with the following amendment: Strike out the words "now in the employ of the Board by continuing and those" in the fourth paragraph.

J. S. BROWN,
HENRY JOHNSON,
Committee on Rules.

Mr. LLOYD submitted the following as a substitute for the report and recommendation of the Committee on Rules:

That the act of October 11, 1867, providing "that the salary of no teacher shall be deducted on account of sickness for less than one full month," being in full force and mandatory in terms, this Board has no other recourse until further legislation is had, than to literally carry out the plain intent and meaning of the law made for our guidance and observance. And further, it would be establishing a dangerous precedent for us to place a construction on a positive and unambiguous statute, foreign to the intention and purposes of our law-makers. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That this Board recognizes the fact that under the act of October, 1867, it has no right or authority to deduct the salary of a teacher for absence on account of sickness for the space of one month.

Rejected.

The report and recommendation of the Committee on Rules was then adopted.

Those who voted in the affirmative were—

Messrs. Brown, Brooks, Champlin, Dyer, French, Hart, Hovey, Johnson, Mitchell, Packard, Ryder, Smith, and the President.

In the negative—

Messrs. Lloyd, Moffatt, Woodward, and Detrick.

Mr. FRENCH, from the Committee on Prizes and Examinations, presented the following communication from the principal of the first district, and stated the committee was prepared to settle the matter, but, in view of the communication of Mr. McKee, preferred to learn the wish of the board. If the board left the matter to the committee it was prepared to give a decision.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 8, 1875

E. F. FRENCH, Esq., Chairman Committee on Prizes and Examinations:

DEAR SIR: Inasmuch as the contest of the Male Grammar schools for the spelling medal resulted in a tie between the first and fourth districts, until attention was called to the fact that in the old editions of Hollards Sixth readers the word "ecstasy" is spelled with "ey" as well as "yg," and as the committee decided that if the word could be found in the reader spelled "ey" it should be accounted correct; and as the principal of the fourth district has protested against a decision based upon the above grounds, and has challenged the Male Grammar school of the first district to a second contest for the medal, and as I should be unwilling to accept a prize for my school where there could be any possibility of a doubt as to their right to it, I therefore most cheerfully accept the challenge and respectfully ask that the committee will allow the contest to be settled in accordance with the wishes of the principal of the fourth district.

Very respectfully,

R. M. McKEE,
Principal 1st District.

On motion of Mr. HART action on the communication was deferred until "new business" was taken up.

Mr. HOVEY, from the Committee on Teachers for the White Schools of Washington and Georgetown, gave notice that the examination of candidates for teachers' positions and of teachers for promotion would be held Saturday, June 5, at 9 o'clock a. m., at the Franklin School Building.

A number of bills were presented and referred to the Committee on Supplies and Accounts.

Mr. FRENCH submitted the following, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That Trustees Curtis and Moffatt be, and they are hereby, appointed a committee on the part of this board to confer with Messrs. Hyde and Dunlop, a committee representing the Peabody Library Association, and that they be instructed to report to this board any plan for establishing the Peabody Library in the new school building in Georgetown, which may be agreed upon by the committee named above.

Resolved, That the secretary of this board be instructed to furnish Messrs. Hyde and Dunlop with a copy of these resolutions.

Mr. PACKARD submitted the following:

Resolved, That in the list of standing committees wherever the name of Solomon G. Brown appears there shall be inserted in lieu thereof the name of George W. Mitchell.

Agreed to.

Mr. DETRICK submitted the following, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That all prizes awarded to pupils of the Public Schools shall be conferred by the several sub-boards on the closing day of their schools.

Also, the following:

Resolved, That the Committee on Prizes and Examinations be authorized and requested to open the reports of the examiners in Grammar and Arithmetic as soon as presented, and to make known the result.

Agreed to.

Mr. DYER submitted the following, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That the sub-board of the fifth school district and the superintendent be, and they are hereby, appointed a committee to arrange for and take charge of the dedication of the new school building in Georgetown, and also to fix the time for the same.

Mr. HART, from the Committee on Supplies and Accounts, recommended that a contract be made with Jacob Ramsburg, of Georgetown, for re-wooling black-board rubbers at the prices he stated in his communications to this board, provided the honorable Commissioners approve the same.

Agreed to.

Mr. CHAMPLIN submitted the following:

Resolved, That rule 31 shall not be so construed as to prevent the award of "First Honor Medals" to pupils in the Public Schools in the District of Columbia.

Provided, That in all such awards, the rules of this board shall govern the same; and that no expense be incurred chargeable to the District of Columbia.

Agreed to.

Mr. HOVEY submitted the following:

Resolved, That the following be the mode of selecting a name for the new school-house in Georgetown:

1. Each member of the board shall write the name he prefers upon a piece of paper, and give the same to the Secretary.

2. The Secretary shall then read all the names thus presented.

3. If it appears that a majority of the members present have selected the same name, such name shall be given to the new school-house in Georgetown.
4. If it appears that a majority of the members present have not selected the same name, then the members present shall write names as before and give them to the Secretary, and the course before taken shall be repeated, until it shall appear that a majority of the members present have agreed upon the same name, which name shall be the name of the new school-house in Georgetown.

Adopted.

On motion, the board proceeded to ballot for a name to be given to the new school building in Georgetown. A majority of the votes cast named the building the "Curtis Public School Building;" and on motion of Mr. Johnson, the vote was made unanimous. Mr. Curtis being present returned his sincere thanks to the board for the honor conferred, but respectfully declined to allow his name to be used, and requested the board to reconsider its action.

Mr. Curtis having declined to allow his name to be used, the board proceeded to select by ballot another. A majority selected "Georgetown Public School Building," as the name to be given; which was declared by the President the name selected.

Mr. Brown, presented the following communication:

To the Trustees of County Schools:

Appreciating very fully your kindness in offering to our schools prizes for scholarship, may we yet be allowed to say that we object to their presentation? We are unable by any known method to judge, even could we measure it, just what amount of combined effort and success would be requisite to entitle one to the rank of a "best scholar."

We have striven to present before our pupils such motives for excellence in scholarship as would be essentially lowered by the offered prizes.

Again, by the holding out of such rewards, we fear an undesirable state of social and moral feelings would be engendered among our pupils.

And where all have tried to do well, it will be a painful necessity for the teachers to indicate, by the prizes bestowed, that only six have succeeded.

Such are a few of the many objections which we might urge against the prizes for scholarship, but they seem to us sufficient to warrant us in asking that, if consistent with your regulations, they may not be given in our schools.

Trusting you will not consider us ungrateful for your intended kindness, we remain,

Very respectfully, yours,

JULIA E. YORK,
MANDANA BROWN,
ELLEN EMERY,
DELIA M. TINGLE,

Teachers of school No. 3, District 3.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 28, 1875.

Respectfully referred to the general board by request of the county sub-board.

B. F. PACKARD.

Secretary.

And Mr. Brown then offered the following:

Resolved. That the teachers of school No. 3, District No. 3. county schools, be excused from awarding diplomas for scholarship to their pupils at the close of the present school year, as they request.

Not agreed to.

Mr. HART called up the communication of Mr. McKee, principal of the first district, relative to the spelling contest of the Male Grammar schools of the first and fourth districts.

Mr. PACKARD offered the following:

Resolved. That the Committee on Prizes and Examinations be directed to order a new spelling contest between the Male Grammar Schools of the first and fourth districts.

Adopted.

Mr. LLOYD submitted the following :

Resolved, That the secretary of the board be requested to furnish to each member of the board a printed copy of the proceedings of a meeting at least ten days preceding the succeeding meeting.

Laid on the table.

On motion, the Board then adjourned.

REGULAR MEETING.

FRANKLIN SCHOOL BUILDING,
Washington, June 8, 1875.

The Board of Trustees in and for the District of Columbia met on the above date.
W. W. Curtis, Esq., in the chair: John H. Brooks, secretary.
Present: Messrs. Brown, Brooke, Champlin, Detrick, Ferguson, French, Hart, Hovey, Johnson, Lloyd, Mitchell, Moffatt, Packard, Ryder, Smith, and Woodward.
On motion, the reading of the minutes of May 11, 1875, was dispensed with, and approved as printed.

The following communication from the honorable Commissioners of the District of Columbia was submitted for the information of the Board:

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,
Washington, May 31, 1875.

W. W. CURTIS, Esq.,

President Board Trustees of Public Schools, District of Columbia:

SIR: I am directed to transmit you the inclosed copy of the attorney's opinion respecting the water stock standing in the name of the School Trustees, and to advise you that interest on the same ceased on the first ultimo, when the necessary funds for the redemption of said stock were furnished the commissioners of the sinking fund.

The Commissioners would be pleased to confer with you with a view to further arrangements respecting the fund in question.

Very respectfully,

WM. TINDALL, *Secretary.*

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Washington, D. C., May 27, 1875.

To the Commissioners of the District of Columbia:

I return herewith a report of the School Trustees in relation to water stock, and six per cent. stock of the old corporation of Washington, standing in the name of the School Trustees. It appears that moneys belonging to the school fund were invested in this stock. The stock thus held would have to be redeemed as well as similar stock held by other parties. The purpose of the purchase of this stock originally was the endowment of the public schools by a permanent fund of which the income should be applied to current expenses. The enactments authorizing the original investment required the purchase of stock to be made by the Mayor of the old corporation of Washington, and those enactments contemplate that the investment shall be renewed when necessary, so as to constitute a permanent fund. When, therefore, the stock referred to is redeemed, the Commissioners should invest the proceeds in other stock or bonds of the District.

Indeed, the redemption might be by substitution of other District or city of Washington securities, which should be held in trust for the school fund.

Very respectfully,

EDWIN L. STANTON,
Attorney.

Copy:

WM. TINDALL, *Secretary.*

On motion of Mr. DETRICK, it was

Resolved, That a committee consisting of three members of this Board be appointed by the president to confer with the honorable Commissioners of the District of Columbia in reference to the matter contained in their communication of the 31st ult.

And the Chair announced as the committee, under the above resolution, Messrs. Detrick, Lloyd, and Woodward.

The following communication was presented :

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 8, 1875.

To the Hon. Trustees of Public Schools of the District of Columbia :

The undersigned pupils, representing the Male Grammar of the Fourth District in the recent spelling contest, respectfully state that their declination to take part in a second trial for the same medal, is not caused by any want of respect to the wishes or requirements of the Board of Trustees. We believe that we had strictly complied with the orders of the Board at the regular contest, and that we had made the fewest mistakes, and therefore we were justly entitled to the usual award. We have since been confirmed in this belief by statements from Mr. French, chairman of the Committee on Prizes, who informed us that we had won the medal, and were fairly entitled to it, but something that our teacher had said prevented us from getting it. Mr. Champlain, trustee of our own school, made a similar statement. The newspapers reported that the proposed second contest was to be "permitted" or "allowed" by the Board, hence we did not suppose the request to repeat the former trial to be compulsory. No person has been authorized to make, on our behalf, any challenge or protest in regard to this contest, and we respectfully ask that the medal be awarded (according to the published rules of the Board) to "that school which made the fewest mistakes." In regard to the spelling of the word "ecstasy," we were expressly informed by the agent of the Board, Mr. Pike, who gave out the words, that if the last syllable be spelled either "cy" or "sy" it would be regarded as correct—both ways being used in the text books which you ordered us to study, viz : "Worcester's Comprehensive Speller," and "Hillard's Sixth Reader."

VAN WERT JOHNSON.
ALFRED H. TAYLOR.
BENTON STAHL.
EDWARD BOLAND.
JAMES B. TAYLOR.

On motion of Mr. HART, it was laid over informally.

Mr. FRENCH submitted the following :

The Committee on Examinations and Prizes respectfully submit the following report :

At the last meeting of the Board, May 11th, this committee was prepared to report the result of the spelling contest for medals, but it being understood that there was some dissatisfaction in regard to the result, so far as the Male Grammar schools of the First and Fourth Districts were concerned, and the principal of the Male Grammar school of the Fourth District having personally protested to the principal of the Male Grammar school of the First District, and to the chairman of this committee, against any decision of the contest on the basis which he seemed to suppose the committee might adopt, and after insisting on the justice and propriety of a new contest, still further expressed and enforced his views as follows, in the "Star" newspaper : "We hear to-day that the word ecstasy is ended by one pupil with 'cy,' and is likely to be admitted as correct, because it is a misprint in Hillard's reader in use in the schools. This may decide the contest between the Male Grammar schools, but the decision if made thus will hardly be satisfactory." Your committee also having received a communication from the principal of the Male Grammar school of the First District, decided to lay the whole matter before the Board for instructions in the premises. Mr. McKee's communication was as follows : "Inasmuch as the contest of the Male Grammar schools for the spelling medal resulted in a tie between the First and Fourth Districts, until attention was called to the fact that, in the old editions of Hillard's Sixth Reader, the word ecstasy is spelled with 'cy,' as well as 'sy,' and as the committee decided that if the word could be found in the Reader spelled 'cy,' it should be accounted correct, and as the principal of the Fourth District has protested against a decision based upon the above grounds, and has challenged the Male Grammar school of the First District to a second contest for the medal, and as I should be unwilling to accept a prize for my school when there could be any possibility of a doubt as to their right to it, I therefore most cheerfully accept the challenge, and respectfully ask that the committee will allow the contest to be settled in accordance with the wishes of the principal of the Fourth District."

Mr. Packard then offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

"Resolved, That the Committee on Examinations and Prizes be directed to order a new spelling contest between the Male Grammar schools of the First and Fourth Districts."

In pursuance of the direction of the Board contained in the above resolution, the committee notified the principals of the First and Fourth Districts that the contest ordered by the Board would take place at the Wallach Building on the 14th of May, at 3.30 o'clock p. m., and requested them to have the same six pupils from their respective schools present that were engaged in the previous contest. Mr. J. W. Hunt was requested to select the words for the contest, and to give them out. The chairman of the committee, Mr. Hunt, and the six pupils from the First District were present at the appointed time and place; no pupils from the Fourth District presented themselves. It not being in the power of the committee to proceed further, the facts in the case are laid before the Board.

E. F. FRENCH,
HENRY JOHNSON,
C. B. SMITH,

Committee on Examinations and Prizes.

Mr. LLOYD presented the report of the Director of Music and his assistants for the month of May.

Referred to Superintendent Wilson and placed on file.

Application of Miss Ella D. Barrier for position of teacher in the Public Colored Schools of Washington and Georgetown was received, and referred to Superintendent Cook.

Applications for position of teacher in the Public Schools of Washington were presented from Messrs. L. B. Allen and Washington Catlett, of Rockville, Md.; Miss Mary E. Berry, of Olney, Montgomery County, Md.; and Mrs. L. L. Davidson, of Washington, D. C., for teacher of vocal music.

Referred to Superintendent J. O. Wilson.

Also from Messrs. Joseph Parsons and Clinton Vermillion, for position of janitor. Placed on file.

The Superintendents submitted the following abstract of reports of the Public Schools of the District of Columbia for May, 1875:

	Washington.	George- town.	County.	Total.
1. Whole number of pupils enrolled:				
White.....	8,155	772	665	9,592
Colored.....	3,686	301	799	4,786
Total.....	11,841	1,073	1,464	14,378
2. Number of pupils on the rolls the last day of the month:				
White.....	7,798	747	605	9,151
Colored.....	3,366	282	712	4,360
Total.....	11,354	1,029	1,317	13,710
3. Average number of pupils in daily attendance:				
White.....	7,542	722	487	8,751
Colored.....	3,378	260	565	4,203
Total.....	10,920	982	1,052	12,954
4. Percentage of attendance:				
White.....	94.4	94.7	83.7	
Colored.....	97.2	94.5	86.3	
5. Number of teachers employed:				
White.....	157	16	15	188
Colored.....	80	7	16	103
Total.....	237	23	31	291
6. Number of cases of tardiness:				
White.....	257	136	....	393
Colored.....	172	4	....	176
Total.....	429	140	....	569

		George- Washington, town. County. Total.		
7. Number of cases of corporal punishment :				
White.....	9	4	13	26
Colored.....	58	3	24	85
Total.....	67	7	37	111
8. Number of pupils dismissed :				
White.....	9	4	....	13
Colored.....	14	....	....	14
Total.....	23	4	....	27

J. ORMOND WILSON,
GEO. F. T. COOK,
Superintendents.

Mr. CHAMPLIN, from the Committee on Accounts, reported favorably the following bills, and they were approved :

Odorless Ex. Apps. Co., \$18, \$15, \$26, \$10, \$41—\$110; Jos. L. Savage, \$38.40, \$1.95, \$3.65—\$44; J. W. McKnight & Co., \$40.20; McGill & Witherow, \$22, \$50, \$9.75, \$32.25, \$32.50—\$146.50; A. Hart, \$16, \$13.65—\$29.65; H. Donch, \$36; Wm. Ballantyne, \$168.01, \$17.30, \$52.72—238.03; C. T. Klacking, \$50; Jas. L. Pearson, \$36; T. Edw. Clark & Co., \$8.23, \$36.35, \$7.27, \$6.77—\$58.62; Augustus Ambush, \$15; Geo. Willner, \$25.60; Julius Strobel, \$7.80; S. H. Donaldson, \$6; R. G. Campbell, \$7.10; S. S. Hunt, \$268.28; A. S. Pratt, \$38.75; Wall Robinson & Co., \$12; G. L. Wild & Bro., \$2; Potomac Insurance Co., \$25; Alexander Tennant, \$73.25; Buckey & Marbury, \$18.80; H. L. Gettier, \$25; J. Richards, \$10; N. P. Causin, \$50; Noah Jones, \$5; J. Baltimore, \$5.40; R. Beresford, \$35.25; total \$1,363.76.

Mr. HART, from the same committee, reported the following financial statement for the month of May :

Salaries to teachers, officers, and janitors.....	\$19,708 91
Contingent expenses.....	1,363.76
	<hr/> 21,072.67

Mr. BROWN submitted the following :

The following amendments were proposed to the rules and regulations :

1. Strike out rule 40.
2. Change 38 to 39, and 39 to 40.
3. Insert as rule 38 the draft of a rule respecting substitutes for absent teachers, reported by the Committee on Teachers.
4. Add at the end of rule 39, (new number.) the words "which may be shortened to thirty minutes on stormy days; and in such case the schools shall close at 2:30 o'clock p. m."
5. Amend rule 42 so that it shall read "no other holidays shall be granted without the consent of the Board of Trustees."

The Committee on Rules report back the above proposed amendments to the rules and regulations of the Board of Trustees, with a recommendation that they be adopted.

J. S. BROWN,
HENRY JOHNSON,
Committee on Rules.

Consideration postponed.

Mr. BROWN, from the same committee, also submitted the following rules prescribing the duties of principals :

I. The Principals, as local superintendents of all the schools within their respective districts, shall under the direction of the Superintendent, be responsible for the observance and enforcement of the rules and regulations of the schools, and in the discharge of their duties they shall be entitled to the respect, deference, and co-operation of all teachers; and they shall have offices to be designated by the respective Sub-Boards for the transaction of school business.

II. They shall be in their respective offices thirty minutes before the time of opening each morning session of the schools, and when not engaged in examining schools, under the direction of the Superintendent, from three to half-past three

o'clock each afternoon that the schools are in session: and they shall meet at the office of the Superintendent for purpose of consultation at such other times as he may designate.

III. They shall be engaged not less than two hours of each school day in instructing the advanced classes in the Grammar Schools.

IV. They shall have a general supervision of the grounds, buildings, furniture, and appurtenances of the schools, and see that the same are kept in good condition; they shall see that good order is maintained upon the school premises and in the neighborhood thereof, and that the strictest cleanliness is maintained in the school buildings and out-houses belonging thereto: they shall promptly report to the Trustees any repairs that may be required, and any negligence of the janitor, and they shall make requisitions, which must be approved by the Trustees, for all supplies of books, stationery, and other articles required for the use of the schools.

V. They shall keep, according to forms approved by the Trustees a correct account of all supplies received by them, and of all supplies distributed to the schools, and they shall keep an accurate record of the names of all pupils suspended or dismissed from the schools, noting in each case the date, the offense committed, and any other particulars which may be deemed important. These accounts and records shall be, at all times, open to the inspection of the Trustees and Superintendent.

VI. They shall furnish, according to prescribed forms, the Superintendent with the required monthly and annual report of the schools, and monthly lists of the names of all teachers and janitors employed by the Board, and the amount of salary due to each: and they shall furnish such other information as may be required from time to time by the Trustees or Superintendent.

VII. They shall see that the teachers are promptly notified and duly advised as to all rules, regulations, and orders pertaining to the schools, and that they carry out the same in every particular; they shall see that all the prescribed records are neatly, regularly, and accurately kept by the teachers, and that all reports and returns required by the Board or the Superintendent are promptly made; they shall, under the direction of the Superintendent, classify the pupils in the different grades according to the course of study; they shall visit each school as often as twice in each month; and they shall in every way possible co-operate with the Superintendent in advising teachers as to the best methods of instructing and governing their schools.

The Committee on Rules, to whom the above rules prescribing the duties of principals have been referred, report the same back to the Board of Trustees without amendment.

J. S. BROWN,
HENRY JOHNSON,
Committee on Rules.

Adopted.

Mr. HOVEY submitted the following report and recommendations of the Committee on Teachers:

The Committee on Teachers has to report, that, pursuant to notice duly given an examination of candidates for promotion and appointment to teachers' positions was held in the Franklin Building, on Saturday, the 5th inst.

Twenty-four candidates presented themselves.

The committee recommend that certificates as follows be granted by the Board.

For Intermediate Schools.—Robert Henry Harkness, Nancy Williams Wright, Elizabeth Dadmun, Lillie Fisher Thomas, Elbe Dunn, Milton Clement Dent.

For Secondary Schools.—Julia Elizabeth Lelaune Moore, Washington Catlett, Lizzie Miller Stromberger.

For Primary Schools.—Alivilda Marshall Brooke, Emily Digges.

Respectfully submitted.

CHAS. E. HOVEY,
R. B. DETRICK,
F. W. MOFFATT,
B. F. LLOYD.

Committee.

Agreed to.

Mr. FRENCH, from the Committee on Examinations and Prizes, reported in part the results of the late special examinations.

Placed on file.

Mr. HART presented the following :

To the Board of Trustees Public Schools :

GENTLEMEN: I have the honor to report that the money collected in the First, Third, and Fourth districts for the "Teachers and Pupils' Fund" (Agassiz Memorial) has been forwarded to the treasurer of said fund at Boston, and his receipt for the same is hereto attached.

The First District contributed.....	37.40
" Third " "	38.85
" Fourth " "	36.50
Total	112.75
The Second District has not turned over any money.	
Very respectfully,	

A. HART.
Chairman of Committee.

Placed on file.

Mr. PACKARD, from the Sub-Board of the Sixth District, submitted the following, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the Commissioners be respectfully requested to empower the Board of Trustees for Public Schools to make provision for opening an additional school in school-building No. 1, Fourth County District, by authorizing the purchase of the necessary furniture.

B. F. PACKARD,
G. W. MITCHELL,
P. L. BROOKE,
J. S. BROWN,
C. B. SMITH,
Committee.

Mr. HART submitted the following :

Resolved, That the Committee on Examinations and Prizes be, and they are hereby, authorized to open the report of the examiners for the Kendell and King scholarships, when the same shall have been made, and make known the result.

Adopted.

Mr. PACKARD submitted the following :

Whereas this Board, at the last regular meeting, ordered a second spelling contest between the Male Grammar schools of the First and Fourth districts, and the pupils of the Fourth district defaulted by failing to appear at the said spelling contest, after having been duly notified, through their teacher, by the chairman of the Committee on Examinations and Prizes, therefore be it

Resolved, That the spelling medal for the Male Grammar schools be, and the same is hereby, awarded to the Male Grammar school of the First district.

The preamble and resolution were adopted by the following vote :

Those who voted in the affirmative were : Messrs. Brown, Brooks, Champin, Ferguson, Hart, Hovey, Johnson, Moffatt, Packard, Ryder, Smith, Detrick, and Mitchell—13.

Those who voted in the negative were : Messrs. French, Lloyd, Woodward, and the President—4.

Mr. Brooke was excused.

Mr. DETRICK called up the following, which was adopted :

After a careful consideration of the subject the Committee on Text Books respectively recommends to the Board the adoption of the following :

Resolved, That the National Music Course be, and the same is hereby, adopted for exclusive use in the Public Schools of the District of Columbia from and after the commencement of the next ensuing school year. *Provided*, That the Colored Schools of Washington and Georgetown shall be allowed to continue their present course of instruction in music until otherwise ordered.

The foregoing resolution is in accordance with the recommendation of the Director and Committee on Music, submitted herewith.

R. B. DETRICK,
E. CHAMPLIN,
Committee.

Mr. LLOYD offered the following, and requested that it lay over until the next meeting for action :

Whereas a special and hopeful movement is at this present time being made by the Washington National Monument Society, for the immediate completion of the monument in this city, in honor of George Washington ; and

Whereas it is highly appropriate that the youth and children of the nation should be given an opportunity to aid in this work, not only on account of the material assistance they can render, but also as a means of identifying them personally with the great undertaking, and thus exciting patriotic impulses in the minds of those who will soon control the affairs of the nation : therefore be it

Resolved, That this Board empower the teachers of the Public Schools to allow and encourage the children under their instruction to contribute and solicit contributions, according to their individual ability, towards the success of the said noble enterprise : *Provided*, That the individual contributions and collections shall in all cases be entirely voluntary, and made in a way not to interfere with the usual and regular school duties of the teachers or pupils : and it is still *further provided*, That all such contributions, shall be placed in trust in the hands of _____, to be paid over to the treasurer of the Washington National Monument Society, whenever official notice has been received that a sufficient amount to complete the monument has been subscribed. Should such amount not have been subscribed by the 1st day of January, 1877, then this Board shall be at liberty to expend said money, contributed by the pupils of the schools, for whatever purpose they may deem for the highest educational interests of the District of Columbia ; and

Resolved further, That the Boards of Education of other cities of the nation be respectfully invited to take similar action.

On motion, the Board then adjourned, to meet Tuesday, June 29, 1875.

ADJOURNED MEETING.

FRANKLIN SCHOOL BUILDING,
Washington, June 29, 1875.

Persuant to adjournment, the Board of Trustees of Public Schools in and for the District of Columbia, met on the above date, W. W. Curtis, esq., in the chair :
John H. Brooks, secretary.

Present : Messrs. Brown, Champlin, Detrick, Dyer, French, Hart, Hovey, Johnson, Lloyd, Moffatt, Packard, Smith, and Woodward.

The reading of the minutes of the meeting of the Board, June 8, 1875, was dispensed with, and they were approved as printed.

The following order of the honorable Commissioners of the District of Columbia was presented by the Secretary :

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,
Washington, June 23, 1875.

Ordered, That the offices of one Superintendent of Public Schools for Washington city, one Superintendent of Public Schools for the county of Washington, and one Superintendent of Public Schools for the city of Georgetown be, and they are hereby, consolidated under the title of Superintendent of Public Schools.

2. That the Superintendent of Public Schools shall receive a salary at the rate of three thousand dollars per annum, from and after the 1st day of March, 1875.

Copy furnished for the information of the Board of Trustees of Public Schools.
By order.

WM. TINDALL, *Secretary.*

Mr. JOHNSON presented the applications for teachers' positions in the Colored Schools of Washington and Georgetown of Mrs. Anna M. Boston, Miss Sarah J. Jones, Miss Cornelia Pinkney, Miss M. J. E. Thomas, and Sophia E. Neale.

Referred to Superintendent Cook.

The application of Mr. Thomas Martin, for position of teacher in the Colored Schools of the County was received and referred to the Sub-Board of the Sixth District.

Mr. WOODWARD presented the following receipt, which was ordered to be filed :

THE AGASSIZ MEMORIAL TEACHERS' AND PUPILS' FUND.

The receipt of fifty-eight dollars is hereby acknowledged, being the sum contributed by the pupils of the schools of the Second district of the City of Washington, D. C., to the Teachers' and Pupils' Fund of the Agassiz Memorial, by the hands of Wm. R. Woodward, Esq., Trustee.

JAMES M. BARNARD, *Treasurer.*

BOSTON, June 16, 1875.

The resignation of Miss Mary L. Robinson—teacher in the Colored Schools of Washington and Georgetown—to take effect August 31, 1875, was received and accepted.

The President presented a communication from Mr. John E. Thompson, principal of the Fourth District, to the honorable Commissioners of the District of Columbia, and by them referred to the Board of Trustees of Public Schools.

On motion of Mr. JOHNSON, the communication was ordered to be respectfully returned to the Commissioners, with the information that this Board has no official knowledge of the alleged facts set forth in Mr. Thompson's letter.

Mr. DYER, from the Sub-Board of the First District, submitted the following nominations of teachers for the school year commencing September 1, 1875, and ending August 31, 1876:

TEACHERS FOR THE FIRST DISTRICT.

Male Grammar School, R. M. McKee; Assistant, Robert H. Harkness. Female Grammar School, Mrs. Mary E. R. Nevitt. Male Intermediate, No. 1, Alexander T. Stuart; Male Intermediate, No. 2, Rachel Jane Day; Male Intermediate, No. 3, Susie G. Hickey; Male Intermediate, No. 4, Mary Alice Groff. Female Intermediate, No. 1, Fannie E. Hoover; Female Intermediate, No. 2, Kate E. Rawlins; Female Intermediate, No. 3, Fannie E. Jullien; Female Intermediate, No. 4, Jennie B. Haffaran. Secondary, No. 1, Addie Fuller; Secondary, No. 2, Mary Ella Morgan; Secondary, No. 3, S. Ella McMahon; Secondary, No. 4, Dora N. Brown; Secondary, No. 5, Annie M. Clarke; Secondary, No. 6, Mrs. Maria E. Rodier; Secondary, No. 7, Mary McArdle; Secondary, No. 8, Isabella M. Wilson; Secondary, No. 9, Mrs. Mary I. Sampson; Secondary, No. 10, Mary C. McGill; Secondary, No. 11, Louisa M. Bishop; Secondary, No. 12, Ella M. Williams; Secondary, No. 13, D. Foley; Secondary, No. 14, C. A. Hollingsworth. Primary, No. 1, Alice Simpson; Primary, No. 2, Flora Belle Wiggin; Primary, No. 3, Alice E. Cooksey; Primary, No. 4, Mary Slater Shields; Primary, No. 5, Susie A. Mockabee; Primary, No. 6, Edizabeh A. Corcoran; Primary, No. 7, Sarah A. J. Oliphant; Primary, No. 8, Maria I. Marsh; Primary, No. 9, Effie Rodier; Primary, No. 10, Euphemia Macfarlane; Primary, No. 11, Fannie C. Snyder; Primary, No. 12, Annie M. Dutton; Primary, No. 13, Louisa S. Weightman.

On motion, the nominations were confirmed.

Mr. WOODWARD, from the Sub-Board of the Second District, submitted nominations of teachers for the Second District for the school year commencing September 1, 1875, and ending August 31, 1876:

Male Grammar, Nathaniel P. Gage. Female Grammar, Georgia Lane. Male Intermediate, No. 1, Julia A. Brown; No. 2, M. Adele Tait; No. 3, Mary E. Rowe; No. 4, Kate T. Brown. Female Intermediate, No. 1, Emily V. Billing; No. 2, Mrs. Emily Myers; No. 3, Alice L. Kern; No. 4, Metella King; No. 5, Clara C. Baker. Male Secondary, No. 1, Eliza Caton. Female Secondary, No. 2, Emily Robinson. Male Secondary, No. 3, Amanda M. East. Female Secondary, No. 4, Susie C. Collins. Male Secondary, No. 5, Cornelia H. Ellis. Female Secondary, No. 6, H. Jennie Free. Male Secondary, No. 7, Mary O. Whitney. Female Secondary, No. 8, Elizabeth L. Prather. Male Secondary, No. 9, Virginia R. Gittings. Female Secondary, No. 10, Maggie C. Walsh. Male Secondary, No. 11, Mrs. Emma F. Quinlan. Female Secondary, No. 12, Mrs. Marie L. Walker. Male Primary, No. 1, Roberta Freeland. Female Primary, No. 2, A. Hortense Trevitt. Male Primary, No. 3, Mary B. Bartlett. Female Primary, No. 4, E. C. Weightman. Male Primary, No. 5, May L. Johnson. Female Primary, No. 6, Emma L. Wilson. Male Primary, No. 7, Helen E. Ralph. Female Primary, No. 8, Jennie Boss. Male Primary, No. 9, Susie E. Porter. Female Primary, No. 10, Anna B. Milans. Male Primary, No. 11, Marion J. Malone. Female Primary, No. 12, Inez M. Goodrich. Male Primary, No. 13, Sarah Bartlett. Female Primary, No. 14, Clara J. Lesh. Male Primary, No. 15, Mary R. Evans. Female Primary, No. 16, Grace C. Poole. Male Primary, No. 17, Emma L. Bond. Male and Female Primary, Anna L. Sargent. Assistant, Male Grammar, Lillie B. Holbrook, acting.

Confirmed.

Mr. FRENCH, from the Sub-Board of the Third District, submitted the following nominations of teachers for the Third District for the school year commencing September 1, 1875, and ending August 31, 1876:

Male Grammar, Charles E. Hilton. Male Grammar, Mrs. Elizabeth E. Hilton, assistant. Female Grammar, Mary A. Mirick. Female Grammar, Evelyn M. Van Doren, sub-assistant. Male Intermediate, No. 1, Victoria L. Nourse; No. 2, Mary G. Kelly; No. 3, Mary Morgan; No. 4, Symphronia M. Lusby. Female Intermediate, No. 1, Lucy B. Davis; No. 2, Hannah P. Johnson; No. 3, Mary A. Aukward; No. 4, Lillie F. Thomas. Male and Female Intermediate, No. 5, Sarah L. Talbert. Female Secondary, No. 2, Mary E. Armistead. Male Secondary, No.

3, Mrs. Amelia J. Rowland. Female Secondary, No. 4, Jane G. Moss. Male Secondary, No. 5, Alice Oulahan. Female Secondary, No. 6, Catherine A. Dulin. Male and Female Secondary, No. 7, Mary A. Dodge. Female Secondary, No. 8, M. Emma Van Doren. Male Secondary, No. 9, Lizzie M. Stromberger. Male and Female Secondary, No. 10, Mary L. Packard, acting. Male and Female Secondary, No. 11, Ida A. Lord. Male and Female Primary, No. 1, Martha J. McCutchen. Male and Female Primary, No. 2, Mary Sanderson. Male and Female Primary, No. 3, Martha E. Armistead. Female Primary, No. 4, Ella G. Kelly. Male and Female Primary, No. 5, Mary C. Wilkerson. Female Primary, No. 6, Mary E. Kealey. Male and Female Primary, No. 7, Sarah J. Kealey. Female Primary, No. 8, Mrs. Maria V. McCathran. Male Primary, No. 9, Helene I. Schimmelfennig. Male and Female Primary, No. 10, Nellie M. Mack. Male Primary, No. 11, Maggie E. Forbes. Male and Female Primary, No. 12, Myra Elizabeth Love. Male and Female Primary, No. 13, Elize M. Aiken. Female Primary, No. 14, Sarah E. Meredith, acting. Male Primary, No. 15, Mary E. Little. Male and Female Primary, No. 16, Fannie E. Crosby.

Confirmed.

Mr. LLOYD, from the Sub-Board of the Fourth District, submitted the following nominations of teachers for the Fourth District:

Male Grammar, J. E. Thompson; E. H. Thompson, assistant. Female Grammar, Mrs. Mary E. Martin; Sophie P. Davidson, sub-assistant. Male Intermediate, No. 1, Ellie Dunn; No. 2, Mary A. Lee; No. 3, Maggie A. Pumphrey. Female Intermediate, No. 1, Mrs. Sarah E. Wise; No. 2, Annie Van Horn; No. 3, Susie A. Langley; No. 4, Mrs. Mary A. Bowen, acting. Secondary, No. 1, Victoria V. Troom; No. 2, Annie M. Adams; No. 3, Rachel A. Garrett; No. 4, Harriet L. Davis; No. 5, Elizabeth J. Riley; No. 6, Clara L. Wilson; No. 7, Mary Louisa Strobel; No. 8, Belle C. Peyton; No. 10, Martha Barnes. Primary, No. 1, Margaret E. Garrett; No. 2, Catherine F. Maxwell; No. 3, Ellen E. Haliday; No. 4, Adele B. Gray; No. 5, Janie P. McCauley; No. 6, Isabelle Haliday, acting; No. 7, Ida M. Pumphrey; No. 8, Charlotte Lucas; No. 9, Annie M. Whitmore; No. 10, Sarah H. Johnson; No. 11, Sophie J. Allen; No. 12, Hannah M. Tunnell.

On motion of Mr. HOVEY, the nominations submitted by Mr. Lloyd were confirmed, except the name of J. E. Thompson for Male Grammar school.

The consideration of the nomination of Mr. Thompson, on motion of Mr. LLOYD, was laid over until the next meeting of the Board.

Mr. JOHNSON, from the Sub-Board of the Seventh District, submitted the following nomination of teachers for the Colored Schools of Washington and Georgetown, commencing September 1, 1875, to continue until otherwise ordered, which were confirmed:

M. J. Patterson, L. F. Barney, C. E. Parke, E. V. Brown, M. E. Pryor, F. A. Martin, C. A. Patterson, C. A. Jones, M. E. Tucker, M. L. Lawrence, A. Ross, A. S. Simmons, R. E. Coakley, M. C. Barney, M. V. Datcher, A. M. Parke, M. F. Kiger, L. A. Barbour, L. V. Fisher, S. P. Parsons, L. T. Jones, A. W. Ringgold, E. A. Butler, E. Logan, M. E. Chew, A. T. Howard, B. E. Pope, R. J. Cook, J. L. Brooks, A. Warlick, M. L. Bowie, A. E. Holmes, M. A. Teagle, M. Nalle, R. J. Murray, J. Wilson, A. A. Brown, M. E. Reed, G. C. Jackson, N. George, M. C. Kelly, H. A. Simmons, M. C. Giles, R. A. Lee, E. L. Fisher, A. L. Foote, M. A. S. Cary, M. L. Hoy, L. L. Lewis, M. A. C. Coakley, G. A. Dyson, A. A. Bozemon, M. A. Hutton, M. A. Dorster, M. A. Ward, C. Lewis, M. A. Bailey, M. Bond, A. F. Bowen, E. P. Shadd, I. G. Nutter, A. P. Spencer, A. V. Thompson, H. A. Saunders, S. L. Daffin, J. P. Matthews, L. A. Smith, H. A. Martin, A. L. Tilghman, C. E. Collins, H. F. Grant, J. E. Puta, T. W. Hunter, special.

Mr. HOVEY, chairman of the Committee on Teachers for the White Schools of Washington and Georgetown, submitted the following, which was agreed to:

The Committee on Teachers for the White Schools of Washington and Georgetown, respectfully recommend that the within-named graduates of the Normal

School be granted a diploma, in pursuance of Rule VII, relative to the Normal School.

CHAS. E. HOVEY.
GEO. W. DYER.
B. F. LLOYD.
R. B. DETRICK.
F. W. MOFFATT.

JUNE 29, 1875.

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS,
FRANKLIN BUILDING.
Washington, D. C., June 22, 1875.

CHARLES E. HOVEY, Esq.,
Chairman Committee on Normal School and Teachers :

DEAR SIR: The following-named graduates of the Washington Normal School having taught in the Public schools of Washington one year, and, in my judgment, having given evidence of their ability to govern and instruct a school, I beg leave to recommend that the diploma of the Normal School be conferred upon them: Alice Elizabeth Cooksey, Mary Rebecca Evans, Roberta Freeland, Mary Emma Little, Ida Antoinette Lord, Anna Bell Milans, Susie Ann Mockabee, Alice Simpson, Sarah Elizabeth Talbert, Anna Maria Whitmore, Ella Mortimer Williams.
Respectfully submitted.

J. ORMOND WILSON,
Superintendent.

Mr. DYER nominated Miss Lucilla E. Smith as principal of the Normal School.
Confirmed.

Mr. HART nominated Mrs. Susan E. Fuller as pECIAL drawing teacher.
Confirmed.

Mr. LLOYD, nominated Prof. J. H. Daniel, as director of music; Mrs. Annie Jane King, and Miss Harriet Elizabeth Havenner, assistant teachers of music in the Public Schools of Washington.

Confirmed.

Mr. HART offered the following, which was adopted :

Resolved, That power be given to the committee appointed at the last meeting to designate the kind of stock to the honorable Commissioners, which they shall buy for the amount realized from water stock.

Mr. HART presented the annual report of the Committee on Drawing and Penmanship.

Received and referred to the Committee on Annual Report.

Also the following :

Resolved, That when this Board adjourns, it adjourn to meet Tuesday evening, the 6th of July next.

Agreed to.

On motion, the Board then adjourned.

ADJOURNED MEETING.

FRANKLIN SCHOOL BUILDING,
Washington, July 6, 1875.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Board of Trustees of Public Schools, in and for the District of Columbia, met on the above date, W. W. Curtis, Esq., in the chair; John H. Brooks, secretary.

Present: Messrs. J. S. Brown, Champlin, Detrick, Dyer, French, Hart, Hovey, Johnson, Lloyd, Mitchell, Packard, and Woodward.

The following communications from Mr. John E. Thompson were presented and ordered to be placed on file:

WASHINGTON, July 6, 1875.
To the Board of Trustees of Public Schools of the District of Columbia:

GENTLEMEN: Inasmuch as I am of the opinion that the language used by me to a member of the Board immediately after its adjournment at the meeting of last May, was improper as to time and place, and liable to be misconstrued as an indignity offered to some of my most esteemed friends, I sincerely regret the use of such language and respectfully withdraw the same. I attended the next meeting of the Board for the purpose of tendering an apology due to gentlemen engaged, without pecuniary reward, in an honorable work for the public good, and with whom it is my pleasure, not less than my duty, to co-operate. No reference to the subject being made at that meeting, nor at the succeeding meetings at which I was present, I supposed that no notice would be taken by the Board of an occurrence which did not take place during its session. My regret as to this matter is much increased by the fact that it involves me in a controversy that cannot have beneficial results to any party concerned. I need not assure any but strangers to me that the language used on that occasion would not be addressed by me, (unless impelled by unusual circumstances,) to any man.

It would not be candid to omit to state that although no charges have been made formally against me, and no important regulation of the Board has, within my knowledge, been violated by me, some of the trustees are impressed with the idea that I have shown want of co-operation with the Board, because two or three of my pupils declined a second contest for a spelling medal. Trustee Lloyd urged them to make the second trial, and as all my connection with that matter occurred in his presence, to him I refer for proper explanation. At the same time I most positively deny any intentional failure on my part to co-operate with the Board, and I assert that my desire is, and has been, to execute its laws with promptness and fidelity.

Be assured, sir, that this personal controversy is a thousand times more distasteful to me than it can possibly be to any one else, and that I desire, and have always desired, to promote the efficiency of the Public Schools of this District and to aid all measures tending to that important result. With reference to the giving of medals at a concert given by pupils of the Fourth district to pupils in my school and in other schools for proficiency in studies throughout the last scholastic term, I refer you to Trustee Champlin, whose approval was obtained, and who handed the medals to ex-Trustee J. E. Holmead for presentation. The presentations were not suggested by me, but similar occurrences have taken place in our schools, to my knowledge, annually for the last twenty-five years.

Most respectfully,

JOHN E. THOMPSON,
Principal Male Grammar School, Fourth District.

WASHINGTON, July 6, 1875.

E. F. FRENCH, Esq.,
Chairman of Committee on Prizes and Examinations:

DEAR SIR: I was surprised to learn to-day that you regarded me as denying your statement made to the Board of Trustees, "that I had visited you at your office in the Treasury Department on the day after the spelling contest, and there offered on behalf of the pupils of my school to spell as against the First district Male Grammar School from three to five hundred words to be taken from Hillard's Reader, and to be spelled in a match for a gold medal after the contest for the grammar and arithmetic medal." That statement is precisely correct, and I have never made any other, nor do I think, did Trustee Lloyd at my suggestion.

Yours, truly.

JOHN E. THOMPSON, *Principal, &c.*

Mr. JOHNSON presented applications for teachers' positions in the Colored Schools from Miss Emma F. Merritt, Clara L. Davis, Mary A. Jones, Edith M. Collins, Laura F. Dyson.

Referred to Superintendent Cook.

Mr. JOHNSON also gave notice that the examination for teacherships in the schools of the Seventh District will be held at Sumner Building, Wednesday, August 25, 1875.

The applications of Mr. Frank Clendennin and Mr. Geo. H. Smith for teachers' positions in the County Public Schools, were received and referred to Superintendent Wilson.

Mr. BROWN presented the resignation of Mr. Packard as secretary to the Sub-Board of the Sixth District.

Referred to the Committee on Supplies and Accounts.

Mr. DYER nominated Miss Julie E. L. Moore as teacher of Primary, No. 14, First District.

Confirmed.

Mr. PACKARD, from the sub-board of the Sixth district, County Schools, submitted the following nominations for White Schools.

First district, No. 1, Clement A. Peck, first grade. Second district, No. 1, John E. Chappell, principal; Emma A. Miller, assistant. Third district, No. 1, W. C. Lipscomb, Jr. first grade; No. 3, Julia E. York, principal; Mandana J. Brown, assistant; Delia M. Tingle, assistant. Fourth district, No. 2, J. R. Keene, principal; India A. Wineberger, assistant. Fifth district, No. 1, Agnes A. Fairley, first grade. Sixth district, No. 1, Mary M. Manning, first grade. Seventh district, No. 1, Henry S. Petty, principal; F. A. Leland, assistant; C. A. L. K. White, assistant; Rachel J. Stelle, assistant. No. 4, Peter S. Lesh, first grade.

For Colored Schools—First district, No. 2, I. M. Nieman, second grade. Second district, No. 2, French C. Lugenbeel, first grade. Third district, No. 2, Sarah M. Robinson, second grade; No. 3, Ellen Emery, assistant. Fourth district, No. 1, Charles N. Oley, principal; Isadore M. Smith, assistant; Mary F. Hobson, assistant; Mary Evans, assistant; No. 3, ———, second grade. Fifth district, No. 2, John C. Nalle, second grade. Sixth district, No. 2, J. H. Voorhees, principal; Annie M. Briggs, assistant. Seventh district, No. 2, ———; No. 3, Francis Grinke, principal; Frances E. Hall, assistant; Emma Patterson, assistant; Mary T. Benjamin, assistant.

Mr. LLOYD called up the nomination of Mr. John E. Thompson as principal of Male Grammar School in the Fourth District, which, on motion, after discussion, was confirmed.

Those who voted in the affirmative were—

Messrs. Brooks, Champlin, Detrick, Johnson, Lloyd, Ryder, Woodward, and the President—8.

Those who voted in the negative were—

Messrs. Brown, Dyer, French, Hart, Hovey, Mitchell, and Packard—7.

Mr. DETRICK submitted the following :

The Committee on Text Books, having carefully examined the course of study and text books now in use in the Public Schools of the District of Columbia, recommend that the following text books be adopted for use in said schools, viz :

1st. The Franklin First, Second, Intermediate, and Sixth Readers in the place of "Hilliard's Readers," for the same grades now authorized to be used. Provided that the change shall be made only as classes in their regular progress in the course of study may require new books.

2d. "Hadley's Lessons in Language" in the place of "Hart's First Lessons," now authorized to be used.

3d. That Hotze's First Lesson in Physiology be adopted as a text book in the Fifth Grade.

The committee also recommends the following course of study for the ensuing school year, (printed in annual report 1875-'6.)

Respectfully submitted.

R. B. DETRICK,
E. CHAMPLIN,
J. S. BROWN, *pro forma*,
Committee.

Ordered to be printed and laid over until the next meeting of the Board.

Mr. CHAMPLIN, from the Committee on Supplies and Accounts, reported the following bills, which were approved :

James W. Barker, \$125, \$475—\$600; T. A. Newman, agent, \$75; William Durr, \$75, \$50—\$125; Rev. Chas. I. White, \$250; Mary M. Cameron, \$100; First Baptist church, \$125; S. J. Thomson, \$120; S. W. Jones, \$12; Fisher & Son, \$2; Wm. W. Farr, \$4.18, \$4.18—\$8.36; Wm. E. Spalding, \$29.07; James Robbins, \$47.15; Odorless Ex. Apps. Co., \$9, \$40.50, \$14, \$52—\$115.50; Evangelical Association, \$100; J. C. McKelden, \$300; First Congregational Church, \$250; R. S. Parks, \$45; Geo. W. Cissel, \$250; Bright & Humphrey, \$200; L. Chapel, \$90; Mrs. Ann S. Parker, \$210; Noble D. Larner, \$150; J. Richard Riggles, treasurer, \$250; Robt. Boyd, \$49.25; Edgar Z. Steever, \$16; J. Richard Riggles, \$10; Naval Lodge, \$125, \$125—\$250; Memorial Parish, \$120; Church of the Reformation, \$60; Geo. F. Gulick, \$400; C. E. Prentiss, treasurer, \$125; Wm. Nottingham, \$31, \$6.25—\$37.25; Conrad Schaefer, treasurer, \$60; C. B. Church & Co., \$75, \$60—\$135; Chas. H. Parker, \$3.50; Trustees Presbyterian Congregation, Georgetown, \$135; W. T. Burdette, \$13; C. C. Wilson, \$22.40, \$30.80—\$53.20; Thos K. Wallace, \$104.80; Selby B. Seaggs, \$24; Chas. Goff, \$8; Henry S. Petty, \$11.75; R. B. Griffin, \$76.20; Warren Choate & Co., \$9.80, \$64.74—\$74.54; Wm. Ballantyne \$22.77, \$26.20—\$48.97; Geo. W. Dyer, \$22; J. C. Wiswell Co., \$17.30; Republican Book and Job office, \$153; E. F. French, \$26.50; C. B. Graham, \$100; McGill & Witherow, \$47.65, \$8.50, \$31, \$23.25—\$110.40; Samuel Lewis, \$120, \$82.45, \$202.45; George H. Brooks, \$60; Wm. J. Rhees, \$250; O. C. Wight & H. J. Frost, \$75; Wm. M. Clayton & Co., \$94.60; M. G. Copeland, \$13; James L. Matthe ws, \$10; John H. Brooks, \$25; J. W. Boteler & Bro., \$14; Walter Jackson, \$10; James McGrundy, \$5; Cornelius Clark, \$15; Wm. H. Harrover, \$30.50. Total, \$6,503.30.

Also, the following bills against the late Board of Georgetown: John L. Owen, \$30, \$17.95—\$47.95; and against the late Board of the County: J. C. Lewis, \$5.50, which were approved.

Also, the following :

STATEMENT of expenses of the Public Schools of the District of Columbia, 1874-'75.

	White Schools of Washington.				Total.	White	County	Col. schools	Grand
	1st dist.	2d dist.	3d dist.	4th dist.		Schools of Georgetown	Schools.	of Washing- ton & Geo'n.		total.
						5th dist.	6th dist.	7th dist.	
Salaries of teachers.....	\$29,988 45	\$33,213 74	\$20,672 51	\$26,031 16	\$118,905 86	\$12,190 90	\$24,551 96	\$60,413 65	\$216,071 37
Salaries of janitors and sweeps ..	1,963 90	2,057 99	1,982 00	1,596 32	7,603 50	683 99	1,324 00	6,728 00	16,339 29
Rent of school-rooms.....	3,978 60	8,531 22	3,334 98	493 55	16,338 35	450 00	119 00	1,730 00	18,637 35
Fuel and stove-fixtures.....	2,131 14	2,125 45	2,439 58	1,400 35	8,402 52	820 86	2,042 64	2,648 20	13,914 22
General supplies.....	1,015 77	1,061 15	1,276 69	1,088 96	4,442 57	697 72	1,008 56	1,545 35	7,694 20
Contingent expenses.....	2,816 87	1,671 06	5,750 30	5,346 47	15,584 70	1,283 84	939 95	5,172 52	22,981 01
School furniture.....	603 72	1,503 58	1,055 08	230 00	3,992 47	.....	717 25	80 00	4,789 72
Salaries of officers.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,808 04	452 00	452 00	2,499 98	5,212 02
Contingent expenses of the Board. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4,607 50	.....	.....	.....	4,607 50
Total.....	42,807 54	50,164 19	46,111 14	36,186 90	181,685 31	16,588 31	31,155 36	80,817 70	310,246 68

The above is a correct statement of salaries paid to teachers, officers, and janitors, and bills approved for contingent expenses of the Public Schools during the school-year of 1874-'75.

WASHINGTON, D. C. July 6, 1875.

F. CHAMPLIN.

A. HART,

R. B. DETRICK,

E. F. FRENCH.

Committee on Supplies and Accounts.

F. HENRY JOHNSON,

JOHN H. BROOKS,

J. S. BROWN,

Mr. HARR, from the same committee, submitted the following bills against the late Boards for approval :

Against the County, J. C. Lewis, cash paid out	\$5.50
.. Georgetown, John L. Owens, supplies	17.95
..	30.00

Approved.

Also the following :

Whereas the honorable Commissioners have managed the finances of the Public Schools in a most satisfactory manner, and have promptly paid the salaries of teachers, and all bills as soon as approved by the Board and properly audited : therefore,

Resolved, That the thanks of this Board are due, and they are hereby tendered to the honorable Commissioners of the District of Columbia, and the officers charged with the disbursement of the school fund.

Adopted.

Mr. DETRICK submitted the following, which were adopted, and the chair announced Messrs. Detrick and Woodward as members of the Special Committee:

Whereas there is great need for a large number of school buildings for the proper accommodation of the Public Schools of this city and county, but

Whereas the most pressing need, at this time, is in the Second School District : therefore,

Resolved, That this Board earnestly requests and urges, that the honorable Commissioners of the District of Columbia, may immediately cause the "Berret" School Building to be enlarged by the addition of six school rooms, in accordance with the plan already prepared.

Resolved, That a committee of three Trustees be appointed, of whom the President of this Board shall be chairman, who, together with the Superintendent of the White Schools, shall have charge of the matter referred to in the foregoing resolution.

Mr. HOVEY offered the following which was adopted :

Resolved, That the Commissioners be requested to authorize the payment of the salaries of teachers in the Public Schools, hereafter, in ten equal installments.

Also a plan for the distribution of special prizes for 1875-'76.

Referred to Committee on Examinations and Prizes.

On motion, the Board then adjourned.

SPECIAL MEETING.

FRANKLIN SCHOOL BUILDING,
Washington, July 8, 1875.

By request of a sufficient number of members, the Board of Trustees of Public Schools in and for the District of Columbia, met on the above date, W. W. Curtis, Esq., in the chair: John H. Brooks, secretary.

Present: Messrs. Champlin, Dyer, French, Hart, Hovey, Johnson, Lloyd, Packard, and Detrick.

The Secretary presented the following communication:

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Washington, July 7, 1875.

JOHN H. BROOKS, Esq.,

Secretary Board of Trustees of Public Schools of the District of Columbia:

SIR: I am instructed to say that before the Commissioners will take action on any matter relating to the school buildings, they will want a full report from the Board of Trustees of all they will need for the coming year for school buildings and repairs, specifically stated, with the estimates of the cost of each respectively, to which they want added a statement of each and all school-houses that are being rented: the terms of the lease of each, and the rental paid or contracted to be paid.

The Commissioners are not willing for any rentals to continue except on written lease, which they will execute on proper report made to them by the Board of Trustees of Public Schools. They also desire to take up for consideration and disposal all matters relating to school buildings, &c., so soon as the foregoing reports, and information shall have been furnished.

Blank forms of lease were furnished your Board by this office several months ago, which you will please return.

Very respectfully,

WM. TINDALL, *Secretary.*

Also a statement from the Comptroller of the District of Columbia of all payments made on account of Schools. [See pages 65 to 76, inclusive.]

Mr. DYER offered the following:

Resolved. That a special committee of one from each district be appointed to report upon the repairs, &c., needed for the several school buildings.

Adopted, and the Chair announced as the committee, Messrs. Dyer, Detrick, Hovey, Lloyd, Curtis, Packard, and Brooks.

Mr. DYER submitted the following:

Resolved. That the Honorable Commissioners for the District of Columbia are hereby requested to convert into money the water stock purchased by Mayor Wallace, amounting to four thousand dollars, also to collect the interest upon the school fund, amounting to three thousand six hundred and twenty three \$-100 dollars: also to collect all dividends of the First National Bank of Washington, the several sums and items now standing to the credit of the school fund of Washington, and to apply all the same to the enlargement of the Berrett School Building in the Second District of Washington.

Resolved. That the Secretary of the Board of Trustees furnish the honorable Commissioners with a copy of the above resolution forthwith.

Adopted.

Mr. HOVER offered the following, which was agreed to.

Resolved, That the plans for the enlargement of the Berrett Public School Building, submitted by the honorable Commissioners of the District of Columbia, to this Board be referred to the special committee appointed at its last meeting, consisting of the president, superintendent and members of the Sub-Board of the Second District, with authority for said special committee to act.

Mr. BROOKS offered the following preamble and resolution, which were adopted :

Whereas there is not sufficient and proper school accommodation in the Second School District of Washington City, for colored children, and the rented barrack building being totally unfit for use for school purposes; and whereas by act of Congress the Board of Trustees are given the control of all funds for the support of schools for colored children ; therefore be it

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to consist of two members of this Board and the Superintendent of Colored Schools of Washington and Georgetown, to consult with the honorable Commissioners, and make all necessary arrangements for the securing of a site and suitable plans for a school building to be erected in said Second district and report to this Board at its next meeting.

The chair appointed as the special committee Messrs. Brooks, Johnson, and Superintendent Cook.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

MINUTES
OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS
IN AND FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD.

FRANKLIN SCHOOL BUILDING,
Washington, July 13, 1875.

Mr. JOHN H. BROOKS, secretary to the late Board of Trustees of Public Schools in and for the District of Columbia, stated that he had been officially informed by Dr. William Tindall, secretary of the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, of the appointment of the following-named gentlemen, as Trustees of Public Schools in and for the District of Columbia: J. Sullivan Brown, Philip L. Brooke, John H. Brooks, Elward Champlin, W. W. Curtis, R. B. Detrick, George W. Dyer, J. H. Ferguson, E. F. French, A. Hart, Chas. E. Hovey, Henry Johnson, Benjamin F. Lloyd, F. W. Moffatt, B. F. Packard, Wm. Perry Ryder, and C. B. Smith.

On motion, Mr. J. Sullivan Brown, was elected temporary president, Mr. John H. Brooks, temporary secretary.

On motion of Mr. JOHNSON, the members proceeded to the election of a permanent president and secretary, Messrs. Dyer, and French, were appointed tellers, and reported the total number of votes cast for president, 14; 13 for W. W. Curtis, one for C. B. Smith.

On motion of Mr. SMITH, the vote was made unanimous.

Mr. Curtis was then declared unanimously elected President. Mr. Curtis accepted the position, and returned his thanks for the honor conferred.

The tellers also reported the total number of votes cast for the permanent secretary, 15; 14 for John H. Brooks, 1 for Henry Johnson.

On motion of Mr. JOHNSON, the vote was made unanimous, and Mr. John H. Brooks, was declared elected secretary.

Mr. DYER, presented the report of a special committee, raised by the late Board in response to inquiries of the honorable Commissioners of the

Randolph in place of Woodward, July 18/75

District of Columbia, as to the needed repairs in the interior of the several school buildings, and moved its adoption as the answer and recommendation of this Board.

Adopted.

The resignation of Miss Roberta Freeland was received and accepted, to take effect August 31, 1875.

Mr. DETRICK submitted the following nomination :

Miss Julia I. Murray, acting teacher of Primary, No. 1, Second district, vice Miss Roberta Freeland, resigned, to date from September 1, 1875.

Confirmed.

Mr. DETRICK offered the following resolutions, which, on motion, were adopted:

Resolved, That the president of the Board, the two members of the Board from the Second district, and the Superintendent of Public Schools of Washington, be appointed a special committee to take in charge the enlarging of the Berret School Building.

Resolved, That this Board hereby approves of the plan presented for the enlargement of the Berret School Building in the Second district, and the committee hereby appointed to take the matter in charge, is authorized to act for this Board in the approval of any specifications or modifications that may be deemed advisable in carrying out the general plan.

Superintendent Wilson presented the following applications for teachers' positions :

Messrs. G. F. Billings, J. H. Wilderman, and Miss Florence V. Cook, for place of substitute, &c.

Referred to superintendent.

Mr. RYDER presented the application of Miss Zelia R. Ball for position of teacher of French and Drawing, and Miss Annie Saunders for position of teacher.

Referred to superintendent.

The superintendents presented the following abstract of reports of the Public Schools of the District of Columbia, for the month of June, 1875 :

	Washington.	George- town.	County.	Total
1. Whole number of pupils enrolled:				
White	7,779	746	608	9,133
Colored.....	3,575	278	734	4,587
Total.....	11,354	1,024	1,342	13,720
2. Number of pupils on the rolls the last day of the month :				
White.....	7,391	721	560	8,672
Colored.....	3,482	271	690	4,443
Total.....	11,873	992	1,250	13,115
3. Average number of pupils in daily attendance :				
White... ..	7,158	697	446	8,301
Colored.....	3,291	276	544	4,111
Total.....	10,449	973	990	12,412

	Washington.	George- town.	County.	Total.
4. Percentage of attendance :				
White.....	94.7	95.5	84.5	
Colored.....	97.7	98.1	86.5	
5. Number of teachers employed :				
White schools	157	14	15	186
Colored schools.....	80	7	16	103
Total.....	237	21	31	289
6. Number of cases of tardiness :				
White.....	152	61	...	186
Colored.....	63	2	....	65
Total.....	215	63	....	251
7. Cases of corporal punishment :				
White.....	2	6	10	18
Colored.....	12	4	13	29
Total.....	14	10	23	47
8. Number of pupils dismissed :				
White.....	3	....	....	3
Colored.....	4	1	....	5
Total.....	7	1	....	8

J. ORMOND WILSON,
GEO. F. T. COOK,
Superintendents.

Mr. DYER submitted the following for future consideration under the rules :

Resolved, That the standing committees, except those on Supplies and Accounts and on Teachers, shall consist of five members each.

On motion, the Board then adjourned.

ADJOURNED MEETING.

FRANKLIN SCHOOL BUILDING,
July 27, 1875.

Pursuant to adjournment the Board of Trustees of Public Schools in and for the District of Columbia, met on the above date.

Present: Messrs. Brown, Brooks, Champlin, Detrick, French, Hart, Johnson, Moffatt, Packard, Randolph, Ryder, and Smith.

In the absence of the President, the Secretary, Mr. J. H. Brooks called the Board to order, and Mr. J. S. Brown was elected president *pro tempore*.

Mr. WILSON presented the applications of Miss Cornelia Jones of Georgetown, Mrs. Julia B. Ackley, and Miss Baldwin, of Stanford, Conn., for positions of teachers.

Referred to Superintendent.

Also the following :

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS,
FRANKLIN BUILDING.
Washington, D. C., July 27, 1875.

To the Board of Trustees of Public Schools :

GENTLEMEN : I beg leave to recommend that a committee be appointed by the Board, with full authority, to make all necessary arrangements for a proper educational representation of this city, at the approaching Centennial Exposition to be held in Philadelphia.

Very respectfully,

J. ORMOND WILSON,
Superintendent.

Laid on the table for future consideration.

Mr. JOHNSON presented the applications of Misses Anna M. Lane, J. E. W. Kelly, Dora F. Barker, Etta V. Davis, Irene B. White, Mary L. Bearson, Fanny Z. Bradford, and Jennie Norris for teacherships in the Colored Schools of Washington and Georgetown.

Referred to Superintendent Cook.

Mr. CHAMPLIN presented the following list of bills for approval :

Andrew Carroll, \$18; James Alexander, \$9; Henry M. Locke, \$6; P. T. Vannice, \$5.35; Judd & Detwiler, \$9; total, \$46.35.

Mr. F. W. MOFFATT, of the Sub-Board of the Fifth District, submitted the following nominations for teachers for the school year commencing September 1, 1875, and ending August 31, 1876:

Male Grammar. Bernard T. Janney. Female Grammar, Laura A. Reed. Male Intermediate. Mrs. Mary E. Turner. Female Intermediate, Mrs. Mary Jane Bates. Male Secondary, No. 1, Elizabeth Dadmun. Female Secondary, No. 2, Florence P. Sullivan. Male Secondary. No. 3, Laura V. Blundon. Female Secondary, No. 4, Emma L. Godey, acting. Male Primary, No. 1, Alice E. Craig. Female Primary, No. 2, M. Josephine Good. Male Primary, No. 3, Angelica T. Houghton. Female Primary. No. 4, Mary J. Gardner. Male Primary, No. 5, Kate

E. Little. Female Primary, No. 6, Kate Reyburn. Male Primary, No. 7, Kate A. Wilson. Female Primary, No. 8, Alwilda M. Brooke. Confirmed.

Mr. HART nominated Miss Annie M. Wilson as acting teacher of Primary, No. 15, First district, to take effect September 1, 1875.

Confirmed.

Mr. DETRICK called up the report of the Committee on Text Books, made to the Board July 6, 1875, and on motion of Mr. JOHNSON, the report was unanimously adopted.

Mr. HART called up the recommendation embodied in the report of the Committee on Drawing and Penmanship, made to the Board June 29, 1875, as follows:

Your committee would recommend that, in organizing the Boys' Special Drawing Classes hereafter, the pupils of the schools of the seventh grade be examined by the drawing teacher at the close of the school-year, and that the twenty boys giving evidence of the best ability and greatest proficiency be selected for the class without regard to district representation.

Agreed to.

Mr. BROOKS, from the Special Committee, appointed by the Board to consult with the District Commissioners in reference to purchasing a site for a school for the colored children of the Second district, reported as follows:

OPINION OF MR. STANTON.

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,
July 20, 1875.

To the Commissioners of the District of Columbia:

SIR: I return herewith the papers relating to the inquiry recently made of me by you, as to whether the Commissioners of the District have the authority to buy sites for colored schools.

Where particular officers of a municipal corporation have the power to buy real estate for the uses of the municipality, it must be by virtue of special authority for that purpose.

In my opinion, the power to purchase real estate, in the name of the District of Columbia, is not vested in the Commissioners in respect to school sites. In the papers which are referred to me, the suggestion was made that the Trustees of Public Schools have the authority to purchase real estate as sites for colored schools. Section 279, Consolidated Statutes of the District, refers to the purchase of sites for school-houses outside of, and not within, Washington and Georgetown.

It is a question how far the power to purchase sites in the country has been exhausted. Nowhere, however, is the power specifically given to the Board of Trustees to purchase sites for schools in Washington and Georgetown.

In my judgment the Trustees do not possess that authority. By law a certain proportion of all moneys received or expended for school or educational purposes in Washington and Georgetown is set apart for the purpose of establishing and sustaining public schools for the education of colored children. This fund for the maintenance of colored schools cannot be diverted. But the power to dispose of a fund of money for certain purposes does not necessarily imply the power to purchase real estate.

The power of the one Board of Trustees of Public Schools which now exist is the same as respects both these schools for colored children and other public schools, and it seems to be admitted that the Trustees do not possess the power to purchase sites for the latter in Washington and Georgetown.

The special grant of power which only can authorize any officer of the District to bind the District by a contract for the purchase of real estate for school sites in Washington and Georgetown is not conferred by law upon either the Commissioners of the District or the Trustees of Public Schools.

Very respectfully,

EDWIN L. STANTON,
Attorney, D. C.

Copy :

WM. TINDALL, *Secretary.*

Mr. BROOKS further reported as follows :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *July 27, 1875.*

To the Board of Trustees of Public Schools in and for the District of Columbia:

Your Special Committee to whom was referred the inclosed preamble and resolution—

“Whereas there is not sufficient and proper school accommodation in the Second School District of Washington City for colored children, and the rented barrack building being totally unfit for further use for school purposes; and whereas, by act of Congress, the Board of Trustees are given the control of all the funds for the support of schools for colored children; therefore,

“*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed, to consist of two members of this Board, and the Superintendent of Colored Schools of Washington and Georgetown, to consult with the honorable Commissioners and make all necessary arrangements for the securing of a site and suitable plans for a school building to be erected in said Second district, and report to this Board at its next meeting”—

has to report that they submitted the same with a written communication to the honorable Commissioners of the District of Columbia, and that the papers were by them handed to Hon. E. L. Stanton, the attorney of the District of Columbia, with the “inquiry as to whether they (the Commissioners of the District of Columbia) have the authority to buy sites for colored schools.” That officer replies that “in my [Stanton’s] opinion the power to purchase real estate in the District of Columbia is not vested in the Commissioners in respect to school sites.” Your committee agree fully with Mr. Stanton that the Commissioners have not the authority to buy real estate in the name of the District of Columbia for schools for colored children in the cities of Washington and Georgetown.

Mr. Stanton, in his opinion, also says: “The suggestion was made that the Trustees of Public Schools have authority to purchase real estate as sites for colored schools,” and quotes section 279, Consolidated Statutes of the District of Columbia, as “referring to sites outside of and not within Washington and Georgetown. It is a question how far the power to purchase sites in the County has been exhausted. Nowhere, however,

is the power specifically given to the Board of Trustees to purchase sites for schools in Washington and Georgetown. In my [his] judgment the Trustees do not possess that authority." The section quoted (279 of the Consolidated Statutes of the District of Columbia) has no bearing, in the opinion of your committee, on this question; it refers entirely to the Public Schools outside of the limits of the two cities. Your committee differs from Mr. Stanton's conclusion that the power is nowhere specifically given the Trustees to purchase sites for schools in Washington and Georgetown. As the legal successors to the late Board of Trustees of Colored Schools of Washington and Georgetown this Board has the right to purchase sites for these schools with the funds placed by law to their credit, and under their sole control. Section 209, Consolidated Statutes of the District of Columbia, says: "The Board of Trustees of schools for colored children shall have sole control of the fund arising under the provisions of section 306, as well as from contributions by persons disposed to aid in the education of the colored race, or from any other sources," and section 310 says "it is made the duty of the Trustees to provide suitable rooms and teachers for such a number of schools in Washington and Georgetown as in their opinion will best accommodate the colored children in the various portions of said cities." Section 311 says: "The Board of Trustees of schools for colored children shall possess all the powers, exercise the same functions, and have the same supervision over the schools provided for in this chapter for the education of colored children in Washington and Georgetown as are exercised over the Public Schools in said cities, by the Trustees thereof, by virtue of the laws and ordinances in force in said cities respectively." Congress by the act of July 28, 1866, fully recognized the power of the Board to hold real estate by directing the Commissioner of Public Buildings "to grant and convey to the Trustees of Colored Schools for the cities of Washington and Georgetown, for the sole use of schools for colored children in said District of Columbia, all right, title and interest of the United States in and to lots numbered 1, 2, and 18, in square No. 985, in said city of Washington." No land or buildings were ever conveyed by the United States to the Trustees of the Public (white) Schools, but always to the authorities of the two cities for the use of the schools. The whole legislation of Congress from 1862 to 1873, relative to the Colored Schools in cities of Washington and Georgetown, shows plainly that the leading purpose of that body was to render the Trustees independent of local interference; so they were given different and greater powers than either of the two other Boards of Trustees of Public Schools in the two cities; and this Board, to-day, (as the legal successor to the late Board of Trustees of Public Schools for colored children in the cities of Washington and Georgetown,) has greater and very different powers by law than it has now or ever had over and in the interest of the Public (white) Schools within the limits of the two cities. To the local corporate authorities alone was there given the power to establish the number and grade of schools, pay of teachers, the purchase of sites, erection of buildings, and the control of the school fund. These corporate powers were given the Board of Trustees for schools for colored children in the cities of Washington and Georgetown, and the attention of the Board is respectfully called to the provisions of the act of Congress of July 23, 1866, which was passed at the solicitation of the Board of Trustees, the two cities having so construed the act of July 25, 1864, as to deny them a proportion of the amounts expended for the purchase of sites and the erection of buildings. Section 306 of the Consolidated Statutes of the District of Columbia, which is the codification of the 18th section of the act of July 25, 1864, and act of July 23, 1866, says: "It shall be the duty of the

proper authorities of the District to set apart each year from the whole fund received from all sources by such authorities applicable to purposes of public education in the cities of Washington and Georgetown, such a proportionate part of all moneys received or expended for school or educational purposes in said cities, including the cost of sites, buildings, improvements, furniture and books, and all other expenditures on account of schools, as the colored children between the ages of six and seventeen years, in the respective cities, bear to the whole number of children white and colored, between the same ages, for the purpose of establishing and sustaining public schools in said cities for the education of colored children."

In his opinion, Mr. Stanton says, "the powers of the one Board of Trustees of Public Schools are the same as respects both the schools for colored children and other public schools, and it seems to be admitted that the Trustees do not possess the power to purchase sites for the latter in Washington and Georgetown."

Your committee disagree *in toto* in this conclusion of Mr. Stanton, and unless the order of the Commissioners consolidating the boards wiped from the statute-book all laws enacted in reference to the public schools for colored children in the cities of Washington and Georgetown, there is a marked difference in the powers of this Board over white and colored schools of said cities. If Mr. Stanton is correct, then the order of consolidation greatly increases the powers over the public (white) schools, or it greatly lessened those over the schools for colored children; for certainly prior to the order the powers of the two Boards widely differed; and your committee would respectfully call the Board's attention to sections 308, 314, 315 and 316, and in fact from sections 294 to 319 of the Consolidated Statutes of the District of Columbia, to show beyond a doubt the powers of this Board in behalf and over the colored schools in the before-mentioned cities. The plain letter of the law shows it; contemporaneous construction by all of the departments of the local government and the numerous official decisions of his predecessors in office show the powers of the two former boards widely differed. And your committee cannot but look upon this declaration of the law officer as fraught with great danger to the further lawful exercise of the powers vested in the Trustees by Congress for the protection of the educational interests of the colored children.

Your committee do not agree with Mr. Stanton in his conclusion, and so far as the "intent and meaning of the laws" are concerned can personally testify that the "power to purchase sites and erect buildings" was supposed by both Congress and the Trustees to have been given, or remedial legislation would have been sought long since. Your committee regret that there is so decided a difference of opinion as exists between the law officer and itself; but his official declarations in the opinion herewith submitted strikes at the very existence of the schools for colored children. If, as he says, the Board has no greater power under the laws while acting as Trustees of schools for colored children than it has for the other public schools, then it has not the sole control of the funds for the support of the former, and the funds cannot be placed to its credit and in the hands of the Comptroller, acting as the treasurer of the Public Colored Schools. The Board cannot establish and sustain as many schools as in its opinion will best accommodate the colored children in the various portions of these two cities. Won by a hard struggle, through many trials and tribulation, it is certainly painful to those for whose protection they were enacted to see these just laws so interpreted as to virtually repeal them, and a dangerous line of precedents established; which, in the hands of less friendly authorities, must succeed in breaking them up. Your committee, in concluding this report, respectfully submits:

1. That under the laws of Congress there is ample authority for the Board of Trustees to buy land and build school-houses for the colored children in the cities of Washington and Georgetown, with the funds set apart by law for establishing and maintaining schools for colored children in said cities.

2. No other body has the power to expend this fund, or in any way control it, and it is the duty of the authorities to pay over to the treasury of this Board all amounts due to this fund, and it is unlawful to retain it in the treasury of the District of Columbia credited to this fund and under the control of others not given the power of control by law.

3. The order of the Commissioners abolishing the office of treasurer of the Board of Trustees of Colored Schools, and transferring the duties to the Comptroller of the District of Columbia, in no manner repealed the laws defining the duties of such treasurer, and it is his duty to request payment in behalf of the Board and in obedience to law of all amounts due this fund from the District of Columbia.

4. That while we have every confidence in the friendly disposition of the present authorities, it is clearly to the interest of the colored schools and people here, while separate schools are maintained and based upon color, to urge a strict compliance with the present laws of Congress on that subject. Neither equity nor justice will avail a weak minority when the necessities of the majority would seem to demand a sacrifice on the part of the minority, and past experience teaches that the best protection the colored schools can have is the provision of positive law.

Respectfully,

JOHN H. BROOKS.
HENRY JOHNSON.
GEO F. T. COOK.

Mr. BROOKS, from the same committee, offered the following :

Resolved, That in view of the decision of the law officer of the District of Columbia and action of the honorable Commissioners, that this Board suspend for the present its efforts to secure a proper site and erect a building for the Colored Schools in the Second district, and that the Special Committee be authorized to rent or lease, upon the best terms possible, suitable rooms for schools for colored children in said Second district, and report their action under this resolution to this Board

Adopted.

Mr. DETRICK tendered his resignation as a member of the Committee on Teachers of the White Schools of Washington and Georgetown and Committee on Annual Report, and recommended as his successor Mr Randolph, his colleague.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

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REGULAR MEETING.

FRANKLIN SCHOOL BUILDING.
Washington, August 10, 1875.

The Board of Trustees of Public Schools in and for the District of Columbia met on the above date, W. W. Curtis in the chair, John H. Brooks, Secretary.

Present : Messrs. Brown, Brooke, Champlin, Dyer, French, Havey, Johnson, Lloyd, Packard, Ryder, Smith, Mitchell, and Randolph.

The application of Josie M. Ware, for position of teacher, was received and referred to Superintendent Wilson ; also, of Parralee E. Nugent, for position of teacher in the Colored Schools.

Referred to Superintendent Cook.

Mr. JOHNSON presented the resignation of Miss M. E. Bartlett, to take effect August 31, 1875.

Accepted.

Mr. PACKARD, from the Sub-Board of the Seventh District, submitted the following :

Your County Sub-Board ask for the confirmation of the following :
Appoint Miss Sarah A. Shimm teacher of school No. 2, Seventh District, and Miss Mary B. Malone assistant teacher in school No. 1, Seventh District, vice Miss F. A. Leland, resigned.

B. F. PACKARD,
P. L. BROOKE,
G. W. MITCHELL,
C. B. SMITH,
J. S. BROWN.

Confirmed.

Also the following notice :

The annual examination of candidates for positions as teachers in the County Schools will be held in the Franklin Building on the 31st day of August, commencing at 9 a. m., and closing at 4 p. m.

B. F. PACKARD,
Chairman of Committee.

Mr. CHAMPLIN, from the Committee on Supplies and Accounts, submitted the following bills for approval :

William Ballantyne, \$9.20, \$417.26, \$220.00, \$117.05—\$763.51.

Approved.

Mr. BROWN offered the following, which was referred to the Committee on Rules :

Amend the By-Laws—Article V, Part IV—so that it shall read as follows :

ON PROPERTY.

ARTICLE V, SECTION IV.

*advised
amended 1.21*

Committee on School Property.

They shall have charge of the purchase of sites, the erecting, enlarging, renting, important repairing, insuring and care of all school buildings, the purchase of school furniture, and the employment and compensation of janitors. They shall report to the Board for approval the compensation proposed to be paid to the several janitors, and shall nominate to the Board for confirmation persons qualified to fill the positions. They shall report to the Board for dismissal all janitors who fail to discharge their duties in a satisfactory manner. They shall, in the month of May of each year, carefully inspect the school buildings, rooms, furniture, and other property, and, in writing, report their condition to the Board, and make such recommendations appertaining thereto, as in their judgment the best interests of the schools require. All communications to the Commissioners of the District relating to the subjects specified in this section and authorized by the Board shall be made through this committee.

Mr. BROOKS offered the following, which was agreed to :

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the District of Columbia, acting treasurer of the Colored Schools of the cities of Washington and Georgetown, be, and he is hereby, requested to inform this Board what amounts of money, if any, he has received from the District of Columbia for the support of the Colored Schools of Washington and Georgetown, and make a report to this Board in accordance with the third section of the act of Congress approved March 3, 1873, and the act of the Legislative Assembly approved June 23, 1873.

On motion, the Board then adjourned.

SPECIAL MEETING.

FRANKLIN SCHOOL BUILDING,
August 31, 1875.

By request of the members, a special meeting of the Board of Trustees of Public Schools in and for the District of Columbia was held for the transaction of general business on the above date.

W. W. Curtis in the chair ; John H. Brooks, Secretary.

Present : Messrs. Brown, Champlin, Dyer, Detrick, Ferguson, French, Hovey, Johnson, Lloyd, Moffatt, Packard, Ryder, Randolph, Mitchell and Smith.

The following applications for position of teacher were received :

Sarah G. Browne, Clara Prince, Abbie M. Holden, Mary McDermott and Emma Martin.

Referred to Superintendent Wilson.

Mr. PACKARD reported that in the nomination of teachers for the County Schools the name of Miss Evans, one of the assistant teachers in School 1, District 4, was reported as Mary Evans, while it should have been Annie J. Evans, and desired that the necessary correction be made in the Minutes.

Mr. JOHNSON presented the resignation of Miss Sophie P. Parsons and Matilda Bond as teachers in the Colored Public Schools of Washington and Georgetown, to take effect August 31, 1875.

Accepted.

Also, the application of Richard W. Brown for the position of janitor. Placed on file.

Also, the application for position of teacher in Public Colored Schools of Victoria D. Waters and Mary J. E. Thomas.

Referred to Superintendent Cook.

Mr. WILSON presented the applications of George H. Thompson, Elijah M. Williams and James Fullalove for position of janitor.

Placed on file.

Mr. JOHNSON, from the Sub-Board of the Seventh District, submitted the following nominations for position of teachers and acting teachers in the Colored Schools of Washington and Georgetown, from September 1, 1875, until otherwise ordered :

Teachers : Lina E. Jean, Laura V. Dyson, Leila P. Bruce, Margaret M. Logan, Ella D. D. Barrier, Maria L. Jordan, Lucy E. Moten, Anna M. Boston.

Acting Teachers : Amanda R. Bowen, Sarah J. Jones, Anna M. Lane, Clara L. Davis, Hattie G. Stewart, Parthenia Woodson, Emma F. Merritt, Jennie W. Kelly, Agnes A. Harris.

Confirmed.

Mr. PACKARD offered the following :

Resolved, That this Board (the Honorable Commissioners of the District of Columbia concurring) employ a special teacher of vocal music for the County Schools, at a salary of one thousand dollars per annum.

Referred to Committee on Music.

Mr. RANDOLPH submitted the following, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That the organization of the Public Schools for the year commencing September 6, 1875, shall be conducted in the following manner, to wit :

1. Tickets of admission shall be issued by the Principals of the several school districts at their offices, from 8 to 10 o'clock A. M., and from 5 to 7 P. M., on the 1st, 2d, 3d and 4th days of September, of which fact the report of these proceedings in the daily press shall be due notice.

2. Each Principal shall keep an account of the number of tickets issued by him to each school in his district during the aforesaid days.

3. No tickets shall be issued on Monday, the 6th, and on Tuesday, the 7th of September.

4. On Monday, September 6, each teacher shall receive only those pupils actually on the roll at the close of the last school year, and shall retain them in session on that day until the arrival of the Principal, to make the transfers and complete the organization of the school.

5. Each teacher shall report in person to the Principal at his office on Monday, by 5 o'clock P. M., the number of vacancies in his or her school, of which a record shall be kept by the Principal.

6. On Tuesday, September 7, each teacher shall admit those presenting tickets to the extent of completing the complement of 60 pupils, and no more.

The number of tickets received in excess of this complement, or the number of vacancies still existing, shall on the same day (Tuesday), immediately on the adjournment of the school, be reported, without fail, by each teacher, to the Principal at his office.

7. At 6 o'clock P. M., Tuesday, September 7, each Sub-Board shall meet at its office, to hear the report of the Principal as to the progress made in the organization, and to take any steps required to perfect the same.

8. On and after Wednesday, September 8, tickets of admission shall be issued to applicants on each school day, by the Principal, at such hour as he may designate.

9. On Saturday, September 4, the teachers of each district shall attend, at such places and hour as shall be designated by the General Superintendent, to receive from them full instructions as to the details of the organization of the Schools of their respective grades.

Mr. CHAMPLIN, from the Committee on Supplies and Accounts, reported the following bills and recommended their approval :

Jacob S. Beam, \$94.50, 180, \$324; G. W. Cropley, \$48.75; C. H. Demar, \$11.23; W. W. Farr, \$18.00; William Ferris, \$255.82; William Ferris, \$33; Richard A. Frere, \$16.00, \$80.00, \$240; H. L. Gettier, \$30.00, \$75.00, \$25.00, \$50.00, \$125.00, \$125.00, \$150.00, \$135.00; \$100.00, \$815.00; C. T. Holtzclaw, \$12.00, \$112.65, \$124.65; S. S. Hunt, \$200.00, \$175.00, \$375.00; F. C. Luginbeel, \$33.00; McGill & Witherow, \$24.00, \$61.00, \$60.00, \$8.75, \$5.50, \$160.25; W. Mendenhall, \$148.00; Theo. F. Muller, \$20.00; Peter J. Pierce, \$67.00; Odorless Excavation Company, \$190.00; A. R. Shepherd & Co., \$13.90; W. E. Spalding & Son, \$100.00, \$212.00, \$100.00, \$195.25, \$607.25; H. Clay Stewart, \$157.62; Young & Keenan, \$245.00; total, \$3,902.47.

Approved.

W. H. Harrover, \$19.88. Approved and referred to Board of Audit.
Also the following :

Whereas, The duties imposed upon the Trustees of Public Schools are such as to draw largely upon their time and labor, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Honorable Commissioners be, and are hereby, requested to furnish the Committee on Accounts and Supplies with a person competent to discharge the clerical work devolving on said committee.

Adopted.

Mr. JOHNSON submitted the following :

Resolved, That in order to enable the Committee on Accounts and Supplies to give more attention to a number of bills in their session, this Board will, when it adjourns, adjourn to meet on Friday evening, the 3d proximo.

Agreed to.

Mr. FRENCH submitted the following :

Resolved, That the Superintendents be, and they are hereby, directed to instruct the teachers not to give lists of books to pupils until they are sure that the pupils are in the school in which they are to remain to avoid the expense and annoyance of an unnecessary change of books.

Also, that they are not to use any slips of books to be provided, except such as are furnished by the Superintendents.

Adopted.

Mr. PACKARD submitted the following, which was agreed to :

Resolved, That the teachers of the Public Schools of the District of Columbia be, and are hereby, required to meet the Trustees, Superintendents and Principals on Saturday, the 4th of September, as follows :

The teachers of the white schools of Georgetown at the Georgetown Building at 8:30 A. M.

The teachers of the white schools of the First District of Washington at the Franklin Building, at 10 A. M.

The teachers of the county schools at the Franklin Building at 10:30 A. M.

The teachers of the white schools of the Second District of Washington at the Seaton Building at 12 M.

The teachers of the white schools of the Third District of Washington at the Wallach Building at 1:30 P. M.

And the teachers of the white schools of the Fourth District of Washington at the Jefferson Building at 3 P. M.

And the teachers of the colored schools of Washington and Georgetown at the Sumner Building at 3 P. M.

The PRESIDENT announced the Standing Committees of the Board :

Supplies and Accounts—Messrs. Champlin, Hart, Detrick, French, Johnson, Brooks, Moffat, Packard.

Teachers—For the White Schools of Washington and Georgetown : Messrs. Randolph, Dyer, Hovey, Lloyd, Moffatt. For the Colored Schools of Washington and Georgetown : Messrs. Johnson, Brooks, Ryder. For the County Schools : Messrs. Packard, Brown, Mitchell.

Rules—Messrs. Brown, Randolph, Johnson, Hovey, Dyer.

Property—Messrs. Curtis, Brooks, Packard, Champlin, Detrick.

Text-Books—Messrs. Detrick, Brown, Moffat, Johnson, Champlin.

Music—Messrs. Lloyd, Hart, Moffat, Mitchell, Ryder.

Legislation—Messrs. Dyer, Brooks, Brown, Lloyd, Ferguson.

Institute—Messrs. Brooks, Champlin, Dyer, Brooke, French.

Annual Report—Messrs. Smith, Hart, Ryder, Randolph, Lloyd.

Examinations and Prizes—Messrs. French, Johnson, Smith, Detrick, Moffatt.
German Language—Messrs. Moffat, French, Mitchell, Ferguson, Brooke.
Drawing and Penmanship—Messrs. Hart, Smith, Ryder, Mitchell, Randolph.

On motion, the Board then adjourned.

ADJOURNED MEETING.

FRANKLIN SCHOOL BUILDING,

September 3, 1875.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Board of Trustees in and for the District of Columbia met on the above date. W. W. Curtis, Esq., in the chair; John H. Brooks, Secretary.

Present: Messrs. Brown, Champlin, Detrick, French, Johnson, Lloyd, Packard, Mitchell, Randolph and Smith.

The Secretary presented a communication from the Honorable Commissioners of the District of Columbia, forwarding the recommendation of N. Acker and A. R. Shepherd of George H. Loveless for the appointment of janitor.

Placed on file.

Also the following:

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,

WASHINGTON, September 3, 1875.

To the Board of Trustees of Public Schools, District of Columbia:

GENTLEMEN: Referring to yours of the 22d of March last, in reply to a communication from this office of the 19th of the same month, respecting the rate of payment "necessary to secure mechanics for janitors, men of sufficient skill to do many of the ordinary repairs needed about the buildings, as well as to keep the heating apparatus in order," I am directed to state that the Commissioners approve the scale of janitors' salaries therein recommended, as follows:

Franklin Building, residence, &c.	\$1,300.00
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This janitor to act as messenger for the Board and Superintendent.

Seaton and McKelden Buildings, residence, &c.	1,200.00
Miller and Berret Buildings.	480.00
Ninth and S street Building.	240.00
Wallach Building, residence, &c.	1,200.00
Cranch Building.	450.00
McCormick Building.	300.00
Jefferson Building, residence, &c.	1,350.00

For all school-rooms, excepting the above, at the rate of \$4.00 per month for daily cleaning, making fires, scrubbing floors, washing windows and keeping outhouses clean.

Georgetown.

New School Building, residence, &c.....\$1,000.00

Salary to begin when building is occupied by the school.

All other schools as at present paid for; and to request that you will nominate to them, for appointment, suitable mechanics to fill the positions in question.

The Commissioners have been incidentally informed that there is an implied agreement with the janitor of the Georgetown School-house, that the rate of his salary should be contingent upon that fixed for the janitors of other schools of corresponding grade, and they will be pleased to receive and consider any information or recommendations you may make to them on the subject.

Very respectfully,

WILLIAM TINDALL, *Secretary.*

Referred to the Committee on Supplies and Accounts, with instructions to consult with the Commissioners in reference to their request to nominate suitable persons to fill positions of janitors.

Mr. JOHNSON offered the following :

Resolved, That the appointment of Miss Anna E. Vanderhoop, teacher in the Public Schools for Colored Children in the cities of Washington and Georgetown, be, and is hereby, revoked.

Agreed to.

Mr. PACKARD, from the Sub-Board of the Sixth District, offered the following :

WASHINGTON, *September 3, 1875.*

Your County Sub-Board ask for the confirmation of the following :

Appoint Robert L. Mitchell teacher of School No. 3, District No. 4.

Temporarily assign Peter S. Lesh as acting teacher of School 4, District 7.

B. F. PACKARD.

Confirmed.

The Secretary reported that in obedience to the order of the Board, the chairman of the Committee on Supplies and Accounts and himself had requested the Commissioners to authorize said committee to employ a clerk at the rate of ten dollars per month, and that the Honorable Commissioners had approved the same.

Mr. CHAMPLIN reported that the Committee on Supplies had selected Goodwin Y. Atlee, Esq., as clerk under the above authority, and requested the confirmation of the Board.

Confirmed.

Mr. CHAMPLIN, from the Committee on Supplies and Accounts, reported favorably the following bills, and requested the approval of the Board :

Charles Addison, \$8.00; John Barry, \$50.00, \$8.40, \$58.40; Warren Choate & Co., \$247.12; Thomas Commodore, \$3.63; R. A. Frere, \$55.00; William Gant, \$8.00; H. L. Gettier, \$80.00, \$130.00, \$55.00, \$250.00, \$515.00; Graham & Carson, \$195.32; H. W. Hinkle, \$25.00; C. T. Holtzclaw, \$109.00; S. S. Hunt, \$104; A. Jackson, \$18.82; Lancaster, Thompson & Co., \$101.48; C. Macnichol, \$25.73; Alexander R. Shepherd, \$75.00; Alex. R. Shepherd & Co, \$200; W. E. Spalding & Son, \$100.00, \$132.00,

\$232.00; Samuel Stiver, \$30.00; J. S. Thompson, \$20.00; Geo. Veihmann, \$9.00; T. S. Webster, \$42.50; W. H. Wingate, \$15.75; Young & Keenan, \$187.00; total, \$2,293.75.

Approved.

On motion, the Board then adjourned.

REGULAR MEETING.

FRANKLIN SCHOOL BUILDING,
September 14, 1875.

The Board of Trustees of Public Schools, in and for the District of Columbia, met on the above date, W. W. Curtis, Esq., in the chair; John H. Brooks, Secretary.

Present—Messrs. Brown, Brooke, Champlin, Dyer, Detrick, French, Hart, Hovey, Johnson, Lloyd, Moffat, Packard, Mitchell, Randolph, and Smith.

The reading of the Minutes of the meetings of the Board of August 10th and 31st, and September 3d, 1875, was dispensed with and they were approved as printed.

The following communication from the Honorable Commissioners was presented by the Secretary :

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONERS
OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,
WASHINGTON, September 8, 1875.

To the Board of Trustees of Public Schools, District of Columbia :

GENTLEMEN : I am directed to return to you, for further examination, the bills of repairs upon school buildings as follows :

Graham & Carson	\$227 72
S. S. Hunt.....	130 00
H. L. Gettier.....	270 00

and to state that the bills appear, in each case, to have been cut down by a Trustee in the district where the repairs were made, and the reduction so made accepted by you without an examination of statements and estimates in detail of the actual work done, and of the proper charges therefor.

The circumstances under which these bills were submitted for audit are peculiar, and call for unusual investigation and care in those instances in which the amounts charged appear to you to be excessive. These bills are rendered in conformity to contracts made by Inspector Plowman, under the orders of the Commissioners. Mr. Plowman presented a statement of external repairs necessary to be done to each building, with estimates of the cost, based upon actual offers made by mechanics to do the work, and this was approved by your Board, having been submitted to you by the Commissioners.

The internal repairs were authorized upon statements and estimates

presented to the Commissioners by your Board, but not based upon actual bids by mechanics to do the work; nor do they appear to have been made by experts.

The work internal and external has been done under the supervision of Mr. Plowman, who certifies to the correctness of the bills. He is an architect familiar with the values of such work; and those cases where your Board considers the charges too much, would seem to call for very careful investigation; to demand that you should have before you in detail the exact items of work done, with careful estimates, by a competent person, of the proper charge for each item, so that you could form an intelligent and just judgment, and report the subject-matter in such form that the Commissioners can act as circumstances demand. They cannot, understandingly, recognize objections to bills audited under such circumstances, where this kind of care has not been observed; for such action would be unjust to an officer of the Government, and raise serious questions with the contractors themselves.

Observing the first bill in order for \$227.72, the charge of \$190 for repairs upon the school building, corner Twenty-second and I streets, N. W., is cut down \$32.40, although the estimated cost, submitted by your Board, was \$200. The contract was, therefore, for less than your estimate.

Very respectfully,

WM. TINDALL, *Secretary.*

Referred to Committee on Supplies and Accounts for investigation and report.

Also the following :

AUDITOR'S OFFICE D. C.
Washington, District of Columbia,
September 13, 1875.

JOHN H. BROOKS, Esq.,

Secretary of Board of Trustees of Public Schools :

The following is a list of bills against the public schools which have not been approved by the Board of Trustees, but which have been audited and paid, viz :

Theodore F. Miller, first instalment building school house in County.....	\$300 00
W. E. Spaulding & Son, painting the Stevens, McCormick and Lovejoy school buildings.....	1033 58
National Met. Fire Insurance Co. insurance on Georgetown and County school buildings, G. \$50.20, Co. \$194.02.....	244 22
Thomas M. Plowman, preparing plans and specifications for the rebuilding of Berret school house.....	517 50
The Arlington Insurance Company, insurance on County school buildings.....	69 00
T. F. Miller, second instalment for building school in County..	300 00

Very respectfully,

JOHN T. VINSON,
Auditor D. C.

Referred to same committee.

Also application of C. Vermillion for position of janitor of Wallach School Building.

Placed on file.

Also the petition of R. M. Sutton, William W. Moore and others, protesting against the renting of building known as No. 602 F street, N. W., for school purposes.

Also counter petition of A. C. Richards, and others, requesting that said building, known as 602 F street, N. W., be rented and occupied for school purposes.

Mr. RANDOLPH stated that no action was necessary on the part of the Board, as the Hon. Commissioners had settled the matter by renting the building in question, No. 602 F street, N. W., for the sum of \$1700 per annum.

All the papers were ordered filed.

Also communication of R. A. McMurray, and others, to Board of Police Commissioners, complaining of nuisance committed by children attending the John F. Cook building, and referred by said Board to Board of Trustees of Public Schools. *see p 17*

Referred to Sub-Board of the 7th District.

Superintendent WILSON presented the applications for teachers' positions of Miss Lelia E. Partridge and Ellen W. Goodwin.

Referred to Superintendent Wilson.

Also the following :

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS,
FRANKLIN BUILDING,
Washington, D. C., Sept. 14, 1875.

To the Board of Trustees of Public Schools;

GENTLEMEN: The following named teachers of first grade schools having given "satisfactory proof of successful experience," I beg leave to recommend that their names be placed upon the list of teachers receiving the advanced salary authorized to be paid in such cases by an act of the City Councils, approved May 23, 1868: Miss Euphemia Macfarlane, First District, the increase of salary to \$700 per annum, to take effect from September 1, 1875; Miss Mary B. Bartlett, Second District, the increase of salary to \$700 per annum, to take effect from September 1, 1875.

Respectfully submitted,

J. ORMOND WILSON,
Superintendent.

Approved.

Colonel DYER, from the Sub-Board of the First District, submitted the following promotions and nomination:

Promote Miss Jennie B. Halloran from Female Intermediate No. 3 B to Female Intermediate No. 2 B.

Promote Miss Mary C. McGill, acting Secondary 10, to Female Intermediate No. 3 B.

Promote Miss Alice Simpson, acting Primary 1, to Female Secondary No. 10.

Appoint Miss Mary W. Burchard as acting teacher of Primary No. 1, all to take effect September 1, 1875.

GEO. W. DYER,
A. HART.

Confirmed.

Mr. RANDOLPH, from the Sub-Board of the Second District, reported the following changes and assignments of teachers, to wit :

Constitute the school taught by Mrs. Emily Myers, Female Intermediate No. 2, A.

Promote Miss Metella King, *acting*, to Female Intermediate No. 2, B.

Appoint Miss Lillie B. Holbrook, *acting*, to Female Intermediate No.

3, B.

Sallie S. Childs, *acting*, to Primary No. 21.

Katie Garst, *acting*, to Primary No. 18, and Olivia Hambly, *acting*, to Primary No. 20.

Transfer Anna L. Sargent to Primary No. 3, and Mary B. Bartlett to Primary No. 19.

Appoint G. F. Billings acting assistant in the Male Grammar School, in place of Lillie B. Holbrook, transferred to Female Intermediate No. 3 B, and Isabella V. Helmsen to be sub-assistant in Female Grammar School.

And it is recommended that all these assignments date from the commencement of the present school year, September 1, 1875.

The Sub-Board further reports, that up to this date, 1,089 tickets of admission have been issued by the Principal since September 1, 1875 ; that twenty schools of this district already report an aggregate of 208 applicants by ticket in excess of their complement, and awaiting admission.

The Sub-Board also reports, that the building, 602 F street, N. W., now in course of erection, and with four school rooms and basement playroom, to be furnished with all modern conveniences, has been leased by the Honorable Commissioners from October 1, 1875, with the condition, that if not completed and ready to be turned over to the Trustees at that time, the rent shall run from November 1, 1875.

JOHN RANDOLPH,
R. B. DETRICK,
Sub-Board Second District.

Confirmed.

Mr. MOFFAT, from the Sub-Board of the Fifth District, recommended that Mrs. M. J. Good be promoted to Secondary No. 6, to take effect September 1, 1875 ; Miss Anna M. Janney to be acting teacher of Primary No. 2, to take effect September 20, 1875 ; and Prof. H. A. Pond to be music teacher at a salary of \$300 per annum.

Confirmed.

Mr. MOFFAT presented the following :

Resolved, That an assistant teacher be recommended for the Male Grammar School of the Fifth District.

Adopted.

Mr. PACKARD, from the County Sub-Board, asked for the consideration of the following :

Temporarily assign H. P. Montgomery as acting Principal of school No. 3, district No. 7.

Approved.

Mr. CHAMPLIN, from the Committee on Supplies and Accounts, presented the following bills for approval :

Henry W. Hinkle, \$13.50 ; Wm. H. Wingate, \$8.45, \$72 35, \$5.85—\$86.65 ; S. S. Hunt, \$72, \$17.45—\$89.45 ; Jacob S. Beam, \$150 ; Wm. Harris, \$20 ; B. T. Janney, \$3.75 ; James S. Masten, \$11.75 ; C. Reichenbach, 2.50 ; Alex. R. Shepherd & Co., \$23.75, \$20.23, \$43.98 ; W. Men-denhall, \$118.70, \$200—\$318.70 ; Young & Keenan, \$57.67, \$215.90—\$273.57 ; Richard B. Griffin, \$97.37 ; Richard A. Frere, \$50 ; E. W. Knowles, \$18.11, \$16.98—\$35.09 ; Wilson Smith, \$7 ; R. M. A. Fenwick, \$4.20, \$5—\$9.20 ; J. C. Wilson, \$2.50, \$16.70—\$19.20 ; Edwin Pitcock, \$13.60 ; Andrew Carroll, \$5 ; Fielding Robson, \$7.20 ; Wm. Robinson, \$6.90 ; H. L. Gettier, \$220 ; Daniel Shanahan, \$18 ; H. Hudson, \$9 ; M. Fitzgerald, \$56 ; Jacob Hayes, \$10.10 ; Wm. Hurley, \$19.02 ; Thos. A. Watson, \$91 ; Henry Warren, \$34.50, \$363.55, \$21—\$419.05 ; Wm. Schooler, \$133.33, \$150, \$40—\$323.33 ; Schooler & Branson, \$240 ; Otto Branson, \$165 ; F. Schneider & Son, \$330.61 ; J. B. Moore, \$36 ; J. McGrundy, \$74 ; Walter Jackson, \$236.55, \$276.87—\$513.42 ; H. A. Jackson, \$59 ; Warren Choate & Co., \$269.35 ; John H. Brown, \$255, \$940—\$1,195 ; Wm. Ballantyne, \$32, \$110, \$6—\$148. Total, \$5,460.29.

Approved.

Mr. BROWN, from the Committee on Rules, submitted the following report :

The Committee on Rules, to which was referred the proposed amendment of the rules establishing and defining the duties of a Committee on Property, report back the same, amended as follows :

ON PROPERTY.

ARTICLE V, SECTION IV.

Committee on School Property.

They shall have charge of the purchase of sites, the erecting, enlarging, renting, important repairing, insuring, and care of all school buildings, the purchase of school furniture and the supervision of janitors. They shall report to the Board for approval the compensation proposed to be paid to the several janitors. They shall report all janitors who fail to discharge their duties in a satisfactory manner. They shall, in the month of May of each year, carefully inspect the school buildings, rooms, furniture and other property, and, in writing, report their condition to the Board, and make such recommendations appertaining thereto as in their judgment the best interests of the schools require. All communications to the Commissioners of the District relating to the subjects specified in this section, and authorized by the Board, shall be made through this committee.

J. S. BROWN,
GEO. W. DYER,
HENRY JOHNSON,
CHAS. E. HOVEY.

Adopted.

Mr. HOVEY resigned the chairmanship of the Committee on Property, and, on his motion, the President, Mr. W. W. Curtis, was elected to fill his place.

Mr. LLOYD, from the Committee on Music, submitted the following report, which was adopted :

The Committee on Music recommend that a special teacher of vocal music for the County Schools be employed, (the Honorable Commissioners of the District of Columbia concurring,) at a salary not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per annum.

Also, that Professor H. A. Pond be employed as a teacher of vocal music for the Schools of Georgetown, at a salary not exceeding \$300 per annum.

B. F. LLOYD,
A. HART,
F. W. MOFFAT.

Adopted.

Mr. RANDOLPH submitted the following, which was laid over under the rules :

Resolved, That the following be added as No.— to the rules and regulations :

Pupils who have been three years in attendance upon a Grammar School, and have gone through its full course, may, if still within the lawful school age, upon application to a Trustee, be allowed to return to the school for another year for the purposes of review, but such reviewers shall not be allowed to compete a second time for the highest honors of the school, nor for the prizes offered by the District Government.

GENERAL HOVEY moved to reconsider the vote by which an assistant to the Male Grammar School of the Fifth District was recommended.

Lost.

Mr. BROOKS presented the following resolutions :

Resolved, That there shall be, and is hereby, established a Normal Department of the High School for colored children of the cities of Washington and Georgetown.

2. That the pupils of the most advanced grade, and composing the graduating class of the said High School, shall be eligible to membership of said Normal Department for the school year ending August 31, 1876.

3. That the Principal of the High School shall also be Principal of the Normal Department of said school.

4. That the course of study and time allowed in pursuit of the same adopted for "the Washington Normal School," is hereby adopted as the course of study and period for completion of the same in said Normal Department of the High School for colored children.

5. That in the appointment of teachers in the colored schools of Washington and Georgetown, preference shall be given to the female graduates of said Normal Department of the High School for colored children, in the same manner as is now provided by law and the by-laws of this Board for the appointment of graduates of the Washington Normal School and teachers in the Public Schools of the District of Columbia.

6. Graduates of the said Normal Department shall, if employed to teach, be entitled to certificate "C" as acting teacher, and upon the expiration of one year it shall be the duty of the Sub-Board and Superintendent of colored schools to report to this Board the names of such acting teachers as in their opinion have had one year's successful experience as teachers, and are entitled to promotion, and if approved by the Board, the said acting teachers shall be granted certificate "B," and be employed as teachers in the public colored schools of Washington and Georgetown.

Mr. RANDOLPH proposed the following amendment, to be added to the series :

"Provided, that hereafter a Normal class of one year be superadded to the High School course."

Which was accepted by Mr. Brooks.

Mr. DYER moved an amendment to the second clause, so as to read:
 "Provided, that no member of such graduating class shall be eligible to the position of teacher unless she shall be eighteen years of age, and shall have passed a special examination as to acquirements and qualifications."

Mr. JOHNSON moved to amend by striking out the clause in reference to special examinations, which was carried.

The remainder of the amendment of Mr. Dyer was accepted by Mr. Brooks.

After which the resolutions were adopted as amended.

The Board then on motion adjourned.

REGULAR MEETING.

FRANKLIN SCHOOL BUILDING,
October 12, 1875.

The Board of Trustees of Public Schools in and for the District of Columbia met on the above date; W. W. Curtis, Esq., in the chair; John H. Brooks, Secretary.

Present : Messrs. Brown, Brooke, Champlin, Dyer, Ferguson, French, Hart, Hovey, Lloyd, Mitchell, Packard, Ryder, Detrick, Randolph and Smith.

The reading of the Minutes of September 14, was dispensed with, and they were approved as printed.

The Secretary presented the following communication :

AUDITOR'S OFFICE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,
COLUMBIA BUILDING,
Washington, October 11, 1875.

JOHN H. BROOKS, Esq.,

Secretary of Board of Trustees Public Schools :

I have this day audited and allowed to the Washington Gas Light Company two bills against the Public Schools which have not been acted on by your Board, viz :

For gas used in Public Schools for September, 1875, (White)	\$41.50
“ “ “ “ “ “ (Colored)	7.25
Total.....	\$48.75

Respectfully, &c.,

JOHN T. VINSON,
Auditor D. C.

Placed on file.

Also a communication from the Hon. Commissioners, requesting the Board to suspend further action respecting the house on lot 20, square 456, for the present.

Referred to Sub-Board of the Second District.

Mr. CHAMPLIN submitted the following proposition from C. B. Church & Co. :

WASHINGTON CITY, September 25, 1875.
To the Board of Trustees of Public Schools of Washington City, D. C.:

GENTLEMEN: We propose to erect a neat brick building adapted to school purposes, on C street, between Second and Third streets, S. W., containing two rooms, 27x35 feet inside walls and 12 feet to ceiling. and lease it to you for a term of five years, at seven hundred dollars per annum. The rent to be paid quarterly in cash. You to have the privilege of purchasing it within that time at cost, with ten per cent. added.

Very respectfully,

C. B. CHURCH & CO.

N. B. The lot is about fifty-two feet front by one hundred and thirty-four feet deep, contains about seven thousand feet of ground, and corners on an alley.

Referred to Committee on Property.

The resignation of Miss M. A. Pumphrey, as teacher of Male Intermediate School No. 3, Fourth District, to take effect September 30th, 1875, was received and accepted.

Superintendent WILSON presented the application of Peter Roose for position of teacher of industrial drawing, and of Miss Nellie McCauslen for teacher's position.

Referred to Superintendent Wilson.

The Superintendents presented the following abstract of reports for the month of September, 1875:

	Washington.	George-town.	County.	Total.
1. Whole number of pupils enrolled:				
White	9,338	939	684	10,961
Colored.....	4,239	343	804	5,386
Total.....	13,577	1,282	1,488	16,347
2. Number of pupils on the rolls the last day of the month:				
White.....	9,027	916	641	10,584
Colored.....	4,142	329	744	5,215
Total.....	13,169	1,245	1,385	15,799
3. Average number of pupils in daily attendance:				
White.....	8,549	880	526	9,955
Colored.....	3,970	286	613	4,869
Total.....	12,519	1,166	1,139	14,824
4. Percentage of attendance:				
White.....	97.4	97.5	92.0	
Colored.....	98.5	97.3	93.1	
5. Number of teachers employed:				
White schools.....	163	17	16	196
Colored schools.....	82	7	17	106
Total.....	245	24	33	302
6. Number of cases of tardiness:				
White.....	227	105	....	332
Colored.....	58	14	....	72
Total.....	285	119	....	404

	Washington.	George- town.	County.	Total.
7. Cases of corporal punishment :	20	25	9	
White.....	2	8	14	54
Colored.....				24
	<hr/> 22	<hr/> 33	<hr/> 23	<hr/> 78
Total.....				
8. Number of pupils dismissed :	6	....	....	6
White.....	2	....	....	2
Colored.....	<hr/> 8	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/> 8
Total.....				

Increase in the number of pupils, September 30, 1875, over the number September 30, 1874—811.

J. ORMOND WILSON,
GEO. F. T. COOK,
Superintendents.

Mr. LLOYD presented the report of the Director of Music, of the number of lessons given in the First, Second, Third and Fourth Districts, for the month of September, 1875.

Referred to Superintendent Wilson.

The Sub-Board of the First District recommend the transfer of Mr. A. T. Stuart from Male Intermediate No. 1, to the position of Assistant Teacher of Male Grammar School, First District, and the transfer of R. H. Harkness, from Assistant Teacher of Male Grammar School, First District, to Teacher of Male Intermediate No. 1, First District, to date from September 1, 1875.

A. HART,
GEO. W. DYER.

Agreed to.

The Sub-Board of the Second District recommend that Miss Mary E. Rowe be promoted to the grade of Intermediate No. 2.

JOHN RANDOLPH,
R. B. DETRICK,
Trustees.

Agreed o

Mr. FRENCH, from the Sub-Board of the Third District, presented the following report :

Change Primary School No. 4 to Secondary School No. 12.

Promote Miss Ella Kelly, teacher of Primary No. 4, to be teacher of Secondary No. 12, to take effect October 1.

Change Primary No. 16, Miss Fanny E. Crosby, teacher, to Primary No. 4.

E. F. FRENCH,
C. E. HOVEY.

Confirmed.

The Sub-Board of the Fourth District recommend the following changes :

Promote Miss Elizabeth J. Riley, from Secondary No. 6 to Intermediate No. 3, *vice* Maggie A. Pumphrey resigned.

Promote Miss Ida M. Pumphrey from Primary No. 7 to Secondary No. 6, *vice* Elizabeth J. Riley; promoted.

Appoint Miss Annie Laura McIntire, acting teacher of Primary No. 7, *vice* Miss Ida M. Pumphrey promoted.

E. CHAMPLIN,
BEN. F. LLOYD,
Trustees.

Agreed to.

The Sub-Board of Georgetown report the following nomination :

Miss Mary E. McKenny to be sub-assistant in the Female Grammar School of Georgetown, the appointment to take effect from October 1, 1875.

W. W. CURTIS,
F. W. MOFFAT.

Confirmed.

Mr. MITCHELL presented the following :

The Sub-Board for the County ask the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Committee on Drawing be requested, if possible, to make arrangements by which all the teachers of the county can receive lessons in drawing at the same time and place.

Referred to Committee on Drawing.

Mr. BROOKS presented the following report :

SUMNER SCHOOL BUILDING,

October 12, 1875.

To the Board of Trustees of Public Schools.

GENTLEMEN : The Sub-Board of the Seventh District, to whom was referred the complaint of R. A. McMurray and others, of a nuisance committed by the children attending the John F. Cook School Building, referred by the Honorable Board of Police Commissioners to this Board, have the honor to report that they have fully examined into the alleged nuisances, but were unable to find a single case of complaint by any citizen against a pupil or pupils attending said school. The complaint is general, and in no manner charges misconduct upon any individual pupil.

Before the commencement of the present school year, the building was without yard accommodations. It was, therefore, impossible to retain the children during recess in the passageways each side of the building, which measure only 9½ feet one side, and 10 the other ; but by cutting down in front on O street, and fencing in the space allowed for parking, sufficient play-ground has been secured for the girls, and they are now kept in the yards. There are no yard accommodations for the boys, and they are allowed during recess to go into the street. Special attention is called to rules Nos. 21, 30 and 31, which are strictly enforced, and since this complaint was made, the special attention of the teachers has been called to them.

The Sub-Board found that nearly every building on O street has enclosed front grounds 30 feet from the sidewalk. These grounds are planted with flowers, and in no case have the grounds or flowers been disturbed by the pupils attending the school.

The charge of insults being offered to the wives and daughters of the complainants could not be traced to any pupil of the school by such being brought to the notice of any of the teachers, and is so general and indefinite that it appears to be groundless.

Everything possible to carry out the rules of the Board has been done, and we believe there are no reasonable grounds for complaint. We have, unfortunately, a number of residents near this School Building who are opposed to public schools being located in respectable neighborhoods, and vote them a nuisance, and are, of course, unreasonable in their demands, and totally regardless of the common rights of others to the use of the highways.

The children attending the School have been warned, and the efficient police officer in whose beat the building is situated, is co-operating with the members of the Sub-Board and teachers, to prevent any cause of complaint on the part of well-disposed citizen residing near the John F. Cook School Building.

Report adopted.

The Committee on Rules, to which was referred the following resolution, amending the rules, offered at the last regular meetnig of the Board of Trustees, namely—

Resolved, That the following be added as No. — to the rules and regulations :

Pupils who have been three years in attendance upon a Grammar School, and have gone through its full course, may, if still within the lawful school age, upon application to a Trustee, be allowed to return to the school for another year for the purpose of review, but such reviewers shall not be allowed to compete a second time for the highest honors of the school, nor for the prizes offered by the District Government,

Report the same back without recommendation.

J. S. BROWN,
J. RANDOLPH,
C. E. HOVEY,
GEO. W. DYER.

Mr. HOVEY moved the reference of so much of the proposed rule as referred to prizes to the Committee on Prizes and Examinations.

Adopted.

Col. DYER moved the following amendment, to come in after the word "year," in the fifth line : "if there be a vancancy."

Agreed to.

The resolution, as amended, was adopted unanimously.

Mr. CHAMPLIN, from the Committee on Supplies and Accounts, submitted a report upon the bills of Messrs. Graham & Carson, S. S. Hunt, and H. L. Gettier, returned by the Honorable Commissioners to this Board.

Report adopted and ordered forwarded to the Commissioners as a reply to their communication.

Mr. CHAMPLIN, from the same Committee, presented the following bills for approval :

G. Y. Atlee, \$10 ; Wm. Ballantyne, \$154.95, \$139.68, \$212.33, \$266.17, \$47.39, \$840.56, \$263.90, \$263.89, \$263.86, \$263.83, \$74.37, \$52.32, \$31.04, \$1.04, \$1.04, \$1.04, \$1.04, \$63.62, \$89.62, \$123.92, \$144.45, \$172.31, \$42.87, \$715.83, \$20—\$4,251.07 ; J. W. Barker, \$125, \$375—\$500 ; Samuel Beyer, \$23.48 ; S. B. Boarman, Trustee, \$60 ; R. Brace, \$5.35 ; John S. Brent, \$20 ; Bright & Humphrey, \$200 ; G. H. Brooks, \$55 ; Wm. T. Burdette, \$22 ; John H. Burgess, \$25 ; J. T. Campbell, \$39.25 ; Mary M. Cameron, \$120 ; Warren Choate & Co., \$35.61, \$25.83, \$57.64, \$17.93, \$12.64, \$9.53, \$11.75—\$170.93 ; C. B. Church & Co., \$75, \$60—\$135 ; Congregational Church, \$250 ; J. J. Cooper, \$19.88 ; R. H. Cooper, \$18 ; L. Chappel, \$90 ; Geo. W. Cissel, \$250 ; Thos. Commodore, \$6.25 ; Manuel Day, \$13 ; J. B. Dodson, \$369.31 ; F. M. Donaldson, \$21.70 ; Wm. Durr, \$75 ; Samuel Emery, \$891, \$627.22, \$1,236.40, \$916.62, \$2,092.75, \$822.50, \$865.80—\$7,452.29 ; John Edmunds, \$12 ; Wm. Edwards, \$3 ; W. W. Farr, \$4.17, \$8—\$12.17 ; John Esputa, \$105 ; B. W. Ferguson (Board of Audit), \$6.25 ; First Baptist Church, \$125 ; R. A. Frere, \$200, \$150—\$350 ; Mrs. Frizzell, \$15 ; H. L. Gettier, \$20 ; Z. D. Gilman, .75, \$3.60—\$4.35 ; H. I. Gregory, \$146, \$151.35—\$297.35 ; Walter Godey (Board of Audit), \$7.50 ; Geo. F. Gulick, \$4.25 ; Hahl & Co., \$12.25, \$5.75, \$15.85, \$60—\$93.85 ; Wm. Harris, \$20 ; S. S. Hunt, \$26 ; Wesley Jackson, \$3 ; Walter Jackson, \$42 ; Kidwell & Henderson, \$10, \$14—\$24 ; I. G. Kimball, Treasurer, \$16 ; E. W. Knowles, \$18.11 ; Noble D. Larnier, \$50 ; I. P. Libbey, \$4.50 ; H. M. Lincoln, \$6 ; F. C. Lugenbeel, \$19.50 ; James McGill, \$8 ; McGill & Witherow, \$28.50 ; J. C. McKelden, \$300 ; Robt. F. Martin, \$23 ; J. L. Mathews, \$26.11 ; James H. Mead, \$30 ; Memorial Paris, \$120 ; Theo. F. Miller, \$45 ; National Union Printing Company, \$3.75 ; Naval Lodge, \$125 ; T. A. Newman, Trustee, \$75 ; Ann S. Parker, \$169.15 ; R. S. Parks, \$50 ; Wm. G. Phillips, \$34 ; Richard Pratt, \$6 ; Wm. J. Rhees, \$233.32 ; J. R. Riggles, \$12.50 ; J. R. Riggles, Treasurer, \$250 ; P. Robinson, \$3 ; Jos. L. Savage, \$2.40, \$10.40, \$13.40, \$93.25, \$71.63, \$19.30, \$4.50—\$208.88 ; Conrad Schaeffer, Trustee, \$60 ; J. P. Schnatz, Agent, \$100 ; A. Schneider, \$280, \$25.40—\$305.40 ; Wm. Schooler, \$35 ; Jane Sherwood, \$10 ; S. S. Stearns, \$50 ; E. Z. Steever, \$22.58 ; H. C. Stewart, \$105.94 ; H. Stevenson, \$6 ; J. Strobel, \$7.85 ; Alexander R. Shepherd & Co., \$235.64 ; W. E. Spalding & Son, \$67.50, \$15—\$82 ; Jefferson Thomas, \$2 ; S. J. Thomson, \$120 ; Trustees Church of the Reformation, \$60 ; Wall & Robinson, \$11.25, \$18, \$5—\$34.25 ; Washington Society of the New Jerusalem, \$125 ; Thos. A. Watson, \$39 ; O. C. Wight and H. J. Frost, \$75 ; C. I. White, \$250. Total, \$20,047.96.

Approved.

MR. CHAMPLIN, from the Committee on Property, submitted the following :

The Committee on Property respectfully recommend that George H. Loveless be appointed to the position of Carpenter to the Board, at a compensation of \$100 per month, payable monthly, upon condition that he shall give his entire time to the service of the Board, and rent a shop and provide a helper and horse and wagon, to be used by him in the discharge of his duties, and without additional cost to the Board of Trustees.

Adopted.

MR. FRENCH, from the Committee on Examinations and Prizes, to whom was referred a plan for the distribution of special prizes for 1875-76, offered by Mr. Hovey on the 6th of July last, reported to the Board that portion of said plan which relates to prizes for the best kept School Building, and recommended that it be referred to the Committee on Property.

Agreed to.

Mr. PACKARD submitted the following, which was referred to the Committee on Music :

Resolved, That instruction in music by special teachers in the first, second and third grades of the white schools of Washington, be discontinued, and that said teachers thus relieved shall be assigned, under the direction of the Superintendent and Committee on Music, to service in the County Schools, for so much of their time as may be deemed necessary and equitable.

Mr. LLOYD, from the Committee on Music, reported that the total amount received from the Public School Concert held June 17 and 18, 1875, was

.....	\$624 50
Total expended.....	457 90
Balance on hand.....	\$166 60

Placed on file.

Mr. DYER submitted the following :

Resolved, That the Committee on Teachers be, and they are hereby, directed to ascertain and report to this Board the cost of tuition per pupil in the several school districts in charge of this Board, and whether in any district there is a deficiency or an excess of teachers, and if so, in what district ; together with such recommendations as they shall deem proper.

Adopted.

Mr. MOFFAT presented the following :

Resolved, That the Honorable Commissioners be requested to authorize the purchase of Forsyth's New Map of Georgetown, to be placed in the Georgetown School Building.

Agreed to.

Mr. HOVEY submitted the following, which was referred to the Committee on Property :

Resolved, 1, That janitors in the employ of this Board shall not be required to aid in the control or management of pupils during school hours, or at recess, or at any time ; or to take any part in the government of schools other than to report to the proper teacher, or Principal, or to the Superintendent or a Trustee, such delinquencies of pupils, or injury to school property, as may come under their notice ; and no one janitor shall have supervision over another, or attend to duties devolved upon Principals.

Resolved, 2, That the duties of janitors shall consist in cleaning and warming the school rooms or buildings in which they are employed, and cleaning shall include scrubbing, when necessary, and shall extend to the water-closets and privies as well as to the school rooms proper. When buildings are heated by steam, or hot air furnaces, the janitor shall take exclusive charge of the same ; when heated by stoves, they shall remove the ashes or cinders each day, build the fires in the morning and place a hod full of coal by the stoves, and may then leave for the day. They will be careful to close all blinds and lock windows and doors on leaving school rooms at nights, or at other proper times.

Mr. LLOYD presented the following :

Resolved, That it shall be the duty of the Superintendents, or one of them, to be personally present wherever furniture is to be placed and screwed down in any school-room under the control of this Board, for the purpose of advising as to the most convenient location and best arrangement of the same ; and it shall be the duty of the Trustee or Trustees having such work specially in charge to give timely notice when such services will be required.

Referred to Committee on Property.

The Chair called up the communication of Superintendent Wilson, of July 27, 1875, relative to making all necessary arrangements, &c., for a proper representation at the Centennial. *All paid 127, 84, 129.*

The recommendations contained in the communication were adopted, and the Chair announced as the Special Committee on the Centennial Celebration, Messrs. Brown, Randolph, Hart, Brooks, and Moffat.

Mr. HOVEY presented a resolution requesting the Commissioners to reduce, adjust and equalize the pay of janitors in the employ of this Board, as per schedule submitted.

Referred to Committee on Property.

The Board, on motion, then adjourned

REGULAR MEETING.

FRANKLIN SCHOOL BUILDING,
November 9, 1875.

The Board of Trustees of Public Schools in and for the District of Columbia met on the above date, W. W. Curtis, President, in the chair, John H. Brooks, Secretary.

Present: Messrs. Brown, Brooke, Champlin, Dyer, Ferguson, French Hart, Hovey, Johnson, Lloyd, Moffat, Packard, Ryder, Smith, Detrick, Randolph and Mitchell.

The Secretary presented the following communication :

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,
WASHINGTON, October 15, 1875.

To the Board of Trustees of Public Schools.

GENTLEMEN: I am directed to request you to make to the Commissioners on or before the 15th proximo, a detailed statement of the transactions of your department since your last report, with any recommendations you may think proper to make with the object of increasing the efficiency of the same. Also to forward an estimate of the amounts that will be required for its support for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1877.

Very respectfully,

WM. TINDALL, *Secretary.*

Placed on file.

Mr. Brooks offered the following :

Resolved, That a Special Committee, consisting of the Chairman of each Standing Committee and the two Superintendents, be appointed to prepare a reply to the communication of the Honorable Commissioners of the District of Columbia of the 15th ultimo, and report to this Board Friday next, at 7.30 P. M.

Adopted.

The Secretary also presented the following :

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,
WASHINGTON, Nov. 9, 1875.

Board of Trustees of Public Schools, District of Columbia.

GENTLEMEN: I am directed to request you to send to this office before

the 20th instant, all bills against your department, and the pay rolls of the teachers of the Public Schools for the month of November, instant.

Very respectfully,

WM. TINDALL, *Secretary*.

Referred to Committee on Accounts.

Also a communication from the Honorable Commissioners of the District of Columbia, informing the Board of their approval of the appointment of Mr. George H. Loveless as mechanical janitor, at a salary of \$1,200 per annum, upon the conditions recommended by this Board.

Also the petition of Mr. M. G. Emery and other citizens, residents of the Second School District, Washington City, praying the Board to set apart the Seaton School Building for girls of the said District, and upon the completion of the new school building, corner of New York Avenue and Sixth street, that it shall be used for the boys only. 145

The petition, at the request of Mr. Hovey, was laid aside temporarily.

The Secretary also presented a communication from Jacob Ramsburg in reference to recovering black board rubbers.

Referred to Committee on Supplies and Accounts.

Also a communication from Messrs. Collins & Bowen and other citizens, residents of the Fourth District, in relation to greater school facilities for the colored children of said District, referred to this Board by the Honorable Commissioners of the District of Columbia for report.

Communication referred to the Sub-Board of the Seventh District.

The application of Mr. Walter C. Hill, of Stoneham, Mass., and Miss Lizzie Trask, of Worcester, Mass., for position of teacher, were presented and referred to Superintendent Wilson.

Mr. JOHNSON presented the resignation of Miss M. E. Chew as a teacher in the colored schools of Washington and Georgetown; accepted to take effect November 10, 1875.

The Superintendents submitted the following abstract of reports for October, 1875:

	Washington.	George-town.	County.	Total.
1. Whole number of pupils enrolled:				
White.....	9,419	953	685	11,057
Colored.....	4,362	374	860	5,596
Total.....	13,781	1,327	1,545	16,653
2. Number of pupils on the rolls the last day of the month:				
White.....	9,104	915	651	10,670
Colored.....	4,290	359	791	5,440
Total.....	13,384	1,274	1,442	16,110
3. Average number of pupils in daily attendance:				
White.....	8,819	895	556	10,270
Colored.....	4,133	343	684	5,160
Total.....	12,952	1,238	1,240	15,430

	Washington.	George- town.	County.	Total
4. Percentage of attendance :				
White.....	96.6	96.3	90.7	
Colored	98.6	97.2	90.6	
5. Number of teachers employed :				
White.....	163	19	16	198
Colored	82	7	17	106
Total.....	245	26	33	304
6. Number of cases of tardiness :				
White.....	350	140	..	490
Colored.....	63	13	..	76
Total.....	413	153	..	566
7. Number of cases of corporeal punishment :				
White.....	19	14	8	41
Colored	19	5	19	43
Total.....	38	19	27	84
8. Number of pupils dismissed :				
White.....	23	7	..	30
Colored	6	2	..	8
Total.....	29	9	..	38

J. ORMOND WILSON,
GEO. F. T. COOK,
Superintendents.

The Sub-Board of the First District submit the following nominations :

Miss Theresa A. McGill, a graduate of the Washington Normal School, to be acting teacher of Primary School 14.

Miss Cora Stutzman, a graduate of the Washington Normal School, to be acting teacher of Primary School No. 15.

Both appointments to take effect from November 1, 1875.

A. HART,
GEO. W. DYER,
Sub-Board First District.

Confirmed.

The Sub-Board of the Second District reported the following changes of teachers, to wit :

Emma L. Bond promoted from Primary 17 to Secondary 13, to take effect from November 1, 1875.

Mary R. Evans transferred from Primary 15 to Primary 17.

The number of the Primary School taught by Sallie S. Childs is changed from No. 21 to No. 15.

The Sub-Board would also report that the new Larner Building leased by the Honorable Commissioners has, after some delay, been occupied.

A copy of the specifications for the erection of the new Berret Building has at length been furnished this Sub-Board, so that the Committee to whom the supervision of said building was specifically assigned by this Board will now be prepared to make careful inspection of the work as the same progresses.

This Sub-Board, after mature consideration, would respectfully move the following resolutions for the adoption of this Board :

Resolved, 1. That it is the sense of this Board that Article V, Section 4, of the rules defining the duties of the Committee on Property, shall not be construed by said Committee as authorizing or empowering it in any way, or to any extent, to interfere with, restrict, or supercede the several Sub-Boards in the general supervision, invested in them by law, of the schools and school property in their respective Districts.

2. That the acts of said Committee shall not bind this Board until said acts shall have been duly reported by said Committee and approved by the Board.

JOHN RANDOLPH,
R. B. DETRICK,

Trustees Second District.

Teachers confirmed.

The Sub-Board of the Sixth District ask the confirmation of the following :

Appoint Miss Caroline J. Spalding first assistant teacher in School No. 3, District No. 3, *vice* Miss Mandana J. Brown, resigned.

B. F. PACKARD,
J. F. BROWN,
P. L. BROOKE,
G. W. MITCHELL,
C. B. SMITH.

Confirmed.

Mr. CHAMPLIN, from the Committee on Supplies and Accounts, submitted the following :

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 1875.

Salaries of Teachers, Officers and Janitors.....	\$24,858 55
Contingent Expenses.....	6,509 86
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	\$31,368 41
Add bills paid by District Commissioners without the approval of the Board.....	576 23
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	\$31,944 64

Also the following bills for approval of the Board :

G. Y. Atlee, \$10; William Ballantyne, \$2.653.57; Jacob S. Beam, \$68; Robert Boyd, \$164 35; R. C. Cassell, \$37.45; Warren Choate & Co., \$283.10; C. L. Clark, \$22.75, \$195.17—\$217.92; Samuel Cross, \$315.30; E. Davis, \$42; Charles Davis, \$47.50; James Dunlop's estate, \$76.75; Samuel Emery, \$261.37, \$27.60—\$288.97; S. J. Fague, \$5.71; W. W. Farr, \$4.17; R. A. Frere, \$230; W. H. Harrover, \$140; A. Hart, \$11.04, \$357.84—\$368.88; R. Hofer, \$4.85; A. Lee, \$6; William McLean, \$138.62; W. M. Middleton, \$49.52; Francis Miller, \$8.80, \$26.45—\$35.25; T. F. Miller, \$161, \$20.75—\$181.75; William Nottingham, \$22.45, \$90.37, \$56.95—\$169.77; W. W. Rapley, \$306.50, \$145.30—\$451.80; Republican Office, \$169.50; James Robbins, \$15; P. Robinson, \$1; L. H. Schneider, \$25.40; A. R. Shepherd & Co., \$122.53; E. Z.

Steever, \$22.50; John E. Thompson, \$2; George Willner, \$57, \$9—\$66;
Young & Keenan, \$94.70. Total, \$6,509.86.

Approved.

Also from the same Committee a detailed estimate of amounts required for the support of the Public Schools for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1875; ordered to be incorporated in the reply of this Board to the communication of the Honorable Commissioners of the District of Columbia asking for the information.

Mr. RANDOLPH, from the Joint Committee on Teachers, submitted the following report, which was accepted and ordered to be printed in the Minutes:

WASHINGTON, D. C., November 9, 1875.

To the Board of Trustees of the Public Schools.

GENTLEMEN: At a stated meeting of the Board October 12, 1875, it was

Resolved, That the Committees on Teachers be and they are hereby directed to ascertain and report to this Board, the cost of tuition in the several School Districts in charge of this Board, and whether in any District there is a deficiency or excess of teachers, and if so, in what District; together with such recommendations as they shall deem proper."

In pursuance of this resolution, a joint meeting of the several Committees was held October 20, 1875, and after a careful examination of the statistics of the schools for the month of September, of the present school year, they would respectfully submit to the Board the following facts and recommendations:

I. The average number of pupils in attendance, and the cost per pupil in each District for the month of September, were as follows:

	Average attendance.	Cost per pupil.
1st District.....	2,263	\$1.32
2d ".....	2,631	1.36
3d ".....	2,120	1.40
4th ".....	1,757	1.43
5th ".....	903	1.45
6th ".....	1,244	2.09
7th ".....	4,471	1.34

The average cost per pupil in the five districts comprising the white schools of Washington and Georgetown, as compared with that in the Sixth District (County schools), and in the Seventh District (colored schools), may be stated thus: Average cost per pupil. Washington and Georgetown, \$1.39 per month; County schools, \$2.09; and Colored schools, \$1.34.

II. The average number of pupils to each teacher in the several districts is as follows:

1st District.....	63.9
2d ".....	60.1
3d ".....	57.6
4th ".....	60.2
5th ".....	53.9
6th ".....	42
7th ".....	55

Or, taking the five first districts again as a unit in the comparison, the average stands thus : White schools of Washington and Georgetown, 59.14 ; County schools, 42 ; Colored schools, 55.

III. The number of pupils enrolled in each of the Male Grammar Schools of the several districts of Washington and Georgetown during said month, together with their respective grades, may be stated as follows :

1st District—	72 pupils of the 8th and 9th grades.
2d “	55 “ “ “ “ “
3d “	61 “ “ “ “ “
4th “	59 “ “ 8th grade.
5th “	48 pupils chiefly of the 6th and 7th grades.

In the Fifth District the Male Grammar School has only seven pupils of the eighth (or grammar) grade, the balance of the school, as stated above, being properly of intermediate grades

In the First District its Principal had, in addition to his special school duties, the supervision of 2,363 pupils in thirteen school buildings ; in the Second District its Principal had 2,706 pupils in fourteen buildings ; in the Third District, 2,131 pupils in thirteen buildings ; in the Fourth District, 1,807 pupils in five buildings ; in the Fifth District, 916 pupils in five buildings.

After carefully considering the facts submitted under this head, your Committees find that no deficiency of teachers exists in the Male Grammar School of the Fifth District.

IV. In reference to the County schools, your Committees would submit as part of their report the following statement of the Committee on Teachers for said schools, to wit :

“The schools of the county necessarily show a greater cost of tuition per pupil than those of the city. In the sparsely settled districts it is necessary to maintain single schools for the white and colored children, some of which have but a limited number of pupils. If this class of schools had a fuller attendance the cost of tuition per pupil would be greatly reduced.”

It will be observed by reference to the monthly reports of the schools at Uniontown, Mount Pleasant and Howard University, that the cost is much less than the rate herewith reported. It is proper to state in this connection that the incidental expenses of the county schools are quite small, over three-fourths of all the expenditures being for teachers' salaries.

In our large buildings it is found to be impracticable to assign more than forty-five pupils to a teacher, on account of the multiplicity of classes that a greater number would produce. We find great difficulty in giving the large number of classes we now have proper instruction, the teachers in many instances being compelled to materially shorten the recitations.

September is not a fair test month so far as the county is concerned, as many of the larger pupils, on account of the occupation of their parents, do not come in until a month or two later.

The Committees therefore recommend that there be no reduction made in the number of teachers or schools of the Sixth District.

V. Your Committees would report a deficiency of two teachers in the First District, and would recommend the opening of two more schools to relieve the over-crowded condition of many of those now existing.

They have also to report a deficiency of two teachers in the Second District, and they would recommend the opening of two new schools to provide for 150 applicants awaiting admission by ticket in said district.

They would further report a deficiency of three teachers in the Seventh District, and would recommend the opening of three additional schools in said district.

The recommendations under this head are based upon the excess of pupils or applicants for seats, in the First, Second and Seventh Districts over the average allowance, under the existing regulation of the Board of sixty pupils to each school now in operation.

Appended hereto are tabulated statements, marked exhibits A and B, which have been kindly furnished your Committees by Mr. Superintendent Wilson, and by Mr. H. Johnson, Chairman of the Committee on Teachers for Colored Schools.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN RANDOLPH,

Chairman of the joint meeting of the Committees on Teachers.

EXHIBIT A

To Report of Committees on Teachers, dated November 9, 1875.

Districts.	Grade of School.	No. Pu'ls in Male Gram. School.	No. of Pupils Sept. 30.	No. Buildings to be visited.
1	8th and 9th	72	2363	13
2	8th and 9th	55	2706	14
3	8th and 9th	61	2131	13
4	8th	59	1807	5
5	6th and 7th and 7 pupils of 8th	48	916	5

STATEMENT

Of the cost of tuition per pupil in the Public Schools of the several School Districts in the District of Columbia for the month of September, 1875.

Districts.	Salaries.	Whole No. of Pupils Enrolled.	Tuition per Pupil.	Average No. of Pupils Enrolled.	Tuition per Pupil.	Average No. of Pupils in Daily Attendance.	Tuition per Pupil.	No. of Pu'ls on the rolls Sept. 30.	Tuition per Pupil.
1	\$3,005 00	2476	\$1 21	2263	\$1 32	2203	\$1 36	2363	\$1 27
2	3,592 50	2749	1 30	2631	1 36	2568	1 39	2706	1 32
3	2,980 00	2206	1 35	2120	1 40	2051	1 45	2131	1 39
4	2,515 00	1887	1 33	1757	1 43	1707	1 47	1807	1 39
5	1,335 00	939	1 39	903	1 48	880	1 48	916	1 43
6	2,610 00	1488	1 75	1244	2 09	1139	2 29	1385	1 88
7	.....	4582	1 31	.....	.....	.....	.....	4471	1 34

SEPTEMBER 30, 1875.

No. of Pupils for Each Teacher.

1st District.....	63.9
2d ".....	60.1
3d ".....	57.6
4th ".....	60.2
5th ".....	53.9
6th ".....	42.0
7th ".....	51.4

WHITE.	
Mr. Peck.....	62.0
Mr. Chappell, } 41.5 average, {	37.0
Miss Miller, }	46.0
Mr. Lipscomb.....	35.0
Mrs. York, }	36.0
Miss Brown, } 36.7 average—55 average for two teachers, {	31.0
Miss Tingle, }	43.0
Mr. Keene, }	33.0
Miss Wineberger, } 39.0 average, {	45.0
Miss Fairly.....	42.0
Mrs. Manning.....	33.0
Mr. Petty, }	
Miss Stelle, }	
Mrs. White, }	
Miss Malone, }	
Mr. Lesh.....	58.0

COLORED.	
Mrs. Nieman	26.0
Mr. Lugenbeel.....	29.0
Miss Robinson.....	21.0
Miss Emery.....	69.0
Mr. Otey, }	45.0
Miss Hobson, }	49.0
Miss Smith, }	48.0
Miss Evans, }	48.0
Mr. Mitchell.....	26.0
Mr. Nalle.....	41.0
Mr. Vorhees, }	28.0
Miss Briggs, }	35.0
Mrs. Shimm.....	74.0
Mr. Montgomery, }	43.0
Mrs. Hall, }	36.0
Miss Patterson. }	45.0
Mrs. Benjamin, }	81.0

EXHIBIT B

To Report of Committees on Teachers, dated November 9, 1875.

WASHINGTON, D. C., October 22, 1875.

MR. JOHN RANDOLPH, *Chairman Committee, &c.*:

SIR: You will please find as follows certain information (requested) concerning the Colored Schools of Washington and Georgetown:

Salaries of Teachers for September, 1875.....	\$5,987 00
Whole number of Pupils enrolled.....	4,582
Number on Roll, September 30, 1875.....	4,471
*Average number of Pupils to Teacher.....	55
Cost per Pupil.....	\$1 34
Number of Applicants for seats, for whom there is no provision.....	615

Very respectfully, &c.,

HENRY JOHNSON,
Chairman Committee on Teachers.

* In the average number of pupils to teacher, the three special teachers (two of music and one of drawing) are excluded.

Mr. CHAMPLIN called up the proposition of C. B. Church & Co. to erect a school building in the Fourth District, and rent the same to the District of Columbia, with the privilege of buying the same, presented at the last meeting of the Board, and moved its acceptance.

Mr. BROWN offered the following as a substitute :

Resolved, That we recommend the proposition of C. B. Church & Co. be accepted ; *Provided*, they modify their proposition to the effect that they accept a yearly rental, not exceeding ten per cent. of the cost of erecting the building and the assessed value of the ground, to be occupied thereby.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs. Brown, Brooks, Hovey, Mitchell, Randolph and the President—6. Those who voted in the negative were Messrs. Brooke, Champlin, Dyer, Detrick, Ferguson, French, Hart, Johnson, Lloyd, Moffat, Packard, Ryder and Smith—13.

So the substitute was lost.

The motion of Mr. Champlin to accept the offer of Messrs. C. B. Church & Co. was then adopted.

Mr. SMITH moved that the Committee on Property be requested to consider the advisability of introducing into the public school buildings of this District, as a sanitary measure, Dr. Colburn's Porous Evaporator.

Agreed to.

Also the following :

Resolved, That the Committee on Legislation be requested to inquire what, if any, legislation is necessary to perfect the system of Public Schools in this District, and report to this Board at its next session.

Agreed to.

Mr. DYER submitted the following :

Resolved, That this Board recognizes the Trustees of each District as the sub-Board of the same, and ratifies all the acts done by such sub-Boards.

Adopted.

Mr. LLOYD, from the Committee on Music, submitted the following :

Your Committee having had under consideration how best to advance the teaching of vocal music in the large number of white schools in the city of Washington, respectfully recommend that the teaching of music in the first and second grade be placed under the control and direction of the regular teachers of such schools ; but the Director of Music, or one of his assistants, be required to visit said schools, from time to time, for the purpose of examination.

B. F. LLOYD,

A. HART.

FRED. W. MOFFAT,

G. W. MITCHELL,

WILLIAM P. RYDER,

Committee on Music.

Adopted.

Mr. LLOYD offered the following :

It being a recognized fact that the water closets in the Jefferson, Potomac and Greenleaf School Buildings are grossly inadequate, and by reason thereof filth and indecency is engendered ; it is hereby recommended that the Committee on Property take the matter under consideration, with a view to giving sufficient accommodations to the pupils attending said school buildings.

Referred to Committee on Property.

Mr. HOVEY called up the petition of Messrs. Emery, Clarke and others in reference to using the Seaton School Building for girls, &c., and offered the following resolutions

Resolved, 1. That the building now in process of erection, for the use of the Public Schools, on the triangular piece of ground bounded by New York Avenue, L, and Sixth streets northwest, be and the same is hereby set apart for boys' schools only.

2. That whenever and so soon as this new building shall be completed and ready for occupation, the *Seaton* building shall be, and the same is hereby, set apart for girls' schools only, and its present occupants shall vacate.

3. That a copy of these resolutions be furnished to the Committee on Property for their guidance as to the necessary closet accommodations required in the new building.

Referred to the Special Committee on the enlargement of the Berret School Building, with instructions to report to this Board at its next meeting.

On motion of Mr. Brooks, it was agreed that when the Board adjourn it adjourn to meet Friday, 12th instant, at 7.30 o'clock P. M.

The Board then, on motion, adjourned.

ADJOURNED MEETING.

FRANKLIN SCHOOL BUILDING.

November 12, 1875.

The Board of Trustees of Public Schools in and for the District of Columbia, pursuant to adjournment, met on the above date, W. W. Curtis, Esq., in the chair ; John H. Brooks, Secretary.

Present : Messrs. Champlin, Hovey, Lloyd, Hart, Detrick, Johnson, Packard, Randolph, Ryder, Smith, Mitchell and French.

Mr. FRENCH, from the Special Committee to prepare a reply to the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, presented the main points of agreement and recommendations of the Committee for that purpose. The data and recommendations, as submitted, were adopted as the reply of this Board to the Commissioners, and the same directed to be prepared and signed by the Chairman of the Special Committee, President and Secretary, and forwarded to the Commissioners.

The following is the reply as prepared and sent by direction of the Board :

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS,
FRANKLIN BUILDING, November 13, 1875.

To the Honorable Commissioners of the District of Columbia.

GENTLEMEN : The Board of Trustees of Public Schools, in response to your communication of the 15th ultimo, requesting "a detailed statement of the transactions of your department since your last report, with any recommendations you may think proper to make with the object of increasing the efficiency of the same ; also to forward an estimate of the amount that will be required for its support for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1877," has the honor to submit the following report and recommendations, with an estimate of the amounts that will be required for the support of the Public Schools in the District of Columbia for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1877 :

The number of youth of school age (6 to 17 years inclusive,) in the District of Columbia, according to the United States census of 1870, was—white, 21,177 ; colored, 10,494 : total, 31,671.

The whole number of pupils enrolled in the Public Schools for the school year ending August 31, 1875, was—white, 12,117 ; colored, 6,648 : total, 18,765.

The average number of pupils in daily attendance in the Public Schools for the school year ending August 31, 1875, was—

White	8,976
Colored	4,498

Total 13,474

The number of teachers employed for the school year ending August 31, 1875, was—

In white schools.....	188
In colored schools.....	105

Total..... 293

The total expenditures for the support of the Public Schools for the school year ending August 31, 1875, were \$310,246.68.

The total payments for school purposes (including payments of debts due on account of expenses of previous years) were \$550,737.44.

The number of school rooms owned is—

For white schools	117
For colored schools.....	99

Total 216

The number of school rooms now rented is—

For white schools.	64
For colored schools....	9

Total 73

ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES

For the support of Public Schools for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1877.

	Teacher's salary.	Care of School rooms.	Rent of School rooms.	Fuel and Stove fixtures.	General supplies.	Contingent expenses.	School furniture.	Salary of officers.	Totals.
Washington schools—									
(white)	\$145,000	\$7,500	18,000	\$10,000	\$5,500	\$20,000	\$3,500	\$2,960	\$212,760
Georgetown schools—									
(white).....	15,000	1,500	.....	1,500	1,000	1,000	500	740	21,240
County schools—(white and colored)	30,000	1,500	.....	2,500	1,300	1,200	500	500	37,500
	190,000	10,800	18,000	14,000	7,800	22,200	4,500	4,200	271,500

Total estimate of expenses of Public Schools of Washington, Georgetown and County..... \$271,500

Proportionate amount for Colored Schools of Washington and Georgetown 115,000

Grand total..... \$386,500

Over 4,000 children are now compelled to attend schools in rented buildings, most of which are not well adapted to the purpose, and many are badly lighted and ventilated, damp and unhealthy.

For these rooms, 73 in number, an annual rent of \$20,635.00 is paid, and, in addition, a large sum is expended in fitting up and repairing them, estimated at not less than \$5 000 per annum, which makes, with the rental, \$25,635. To purchase sites and erect suitable, plain, but substantial buildings to meet the present wants of the Public Schools of the District, will require an expenditure of \$400,000.

The United States has, from time to time, made most liberal donations of public lands to aid in establishing and sustaining common schools in all the Territories as they became States. The District of Columbia, the permanent seat of the Government, over which Congress exercises exclusive legislation in all cases whatsoever, has had no share in the distribution of these educational benefactions.

It would seem only just that the public schools of the District of Columbia should receive from the General Government equal benefactions with like schools in the States and Territories, either in the form of land donations, or by some equivalent mode, and we respectfully ask you to invite the favorable attention of Congress to the subject.

The special reasons for asking Congress to aid in establishing and supporting a system of public schools for the District of Columbia may be briefly stated as follows :

First. About one-third of the school population is colored, composed largely of the "wards of the Nation," who have come into the District since the beginning of the war. They add but little, if anything, to the school revenues.

Second. About thirty per cent. of the enrollment in the white schools is composed of children whose parents or guardians are in the employ of the United States Government, and the school revenues receive but little benefit from these residents.

Third. The United States Government is the owner of about one-half of all the real estate in the District of Columbia.

For a very full discussion of the "Propriety of Government aid to the Public Schools of the District of Columbia," you are referred to the Annual Report of the Public Schools for 1873-'74, pages 50 to 58.

COLORED SCHOOLS OF WASHINGTON AND GEORGETOWN.

The future prosperity and success of the colored schools of Washington and Georgetown will depend upon the faithful execution of the present laws of Congress, dividing and apportioning the school fund, which, from practical experience, have been found to be just and equitable, and entirely satisfactory to all classes of citizens.

We, therefore, urgently recommend—

First. That no change be made in the present laws of Congress dividing and apportioning the school fund, but that the acts of Congress of June 25, 1864, and July 23, 1866, *vide* chapter 12, sections 306, 307, 308, 309, 310 and 311 of the "Revised Statutes of the United States relating to the District of Columbia," and the act of the Legislative Assembly of the District of Columbia, approved June 23, 1873, shall remain in full force, as the basis of all future disbursements on account of schools.

Second. That Congress be requested to make the necessary appropriation to pay the proportionate amount of school fund (to wit : \$20,346) due the colored schools upon the expenditure of \$50,865 for the erection of the Georgetown Public School building, to be expended in the erection of a school building for colored children in said city.

Third. And in view of the decision of the Attorney of the District of Columbia, that there is not now sufficient authority for that purpose, such remedial legislation as will authorize the Trustees to expend the fund to the credit of the colored schools, for their support, and the purchase of the necessary sites and erection of buildings for their accommodation in the cities of Washington and Georgetown.

E. F. FRENCH,

Chairman Special Committee.

W. W. CURTIS,

President Board of Trustees.

JOHN H. BROOKS, *Secretary.*

The Secretary presented the following communication :

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONERS
OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,
WASHINGTON, D. C., *November 12, 1875.*

Ordered, That all bills for supplies to the District government shall be sent direct by the contractor to the property clerk for his examination and certificate ; said bills to be sent direct by him to the proper department for its examination and action, and thereupon to the Commissioners for their examination and reference to the proper accounting officer of the District.

All bills shall be separate for each department.

Official copy, furnished for information of Board of Trustees of Public Schools, District of Columbia.

By order,

WILLIAM TINDALL, *Secretary.*

MR. RANDOLPH, from Special Committee on the Enlargement of the Berret School Building, submitted the following Report :

NOVEMBER 12, 1875.

To the Board of Trustees of Public Schools :

GENTLEMEN : Your Committee, to whom were referred the resolutions hereto annexed. would respectfully report :

That after due consideration they are of the unanimous opinion that it would be injudicious in the midst of the present school year to make the changes in the male and female schools of the Second District which the first and second of said resolutions would necessitate.

In the organization of the schools throughout the District at the commencement of the year, the transfers were made and the tickets issued with reference to the relative proximity of pupils to the then existing school buildings. The proposed change would require a considerable re-adjustment in the midst of the term of the schools of a large portion of the District. And this is not all.

In the judgment of the Superintendent. and also of the Principal of the District, it would be impracticable to transfer bodily any nine of the eleven boys' schools of the Seaton to the Berret, particularly those of the primary grades, as said schools are now constituted, nor would it be possible to bring any ten girls' schools in the District intact to the Seaton. It would require not only a general transposition of the schools of the Seaton, McKelden, Miller, Larner and other buildings, but the very organization of several of the schools for the smaller children would have to be completely broken up, and new schools in fact created by inter-transfers, in order not to deprive such children of school privileges on account of the increased distance they would have to go, and that, too, in mid-winter.

It is the purpose of the Sub-Board of said District, if these recommendations of your Committee meet the approval of the Board, to mass the female grammar and all the girls' intermediate schools in the new building, and to assign the remaining rooms of the same to the girls' Primary schools now held in the Sixth Street German Church, and within a few rods of said building. This change, it is believed, can be effected with the least disturbance of the present organization of that District, and as the schools transferred from any distance to said building will be composed of larger pupils, it will work little or no hardship to the younger children.

In regard to the new building, it is the judgment of your Committee that in all its arrangements it should be so constructed as that it can at any time hereafter be used either for boys or girls' schools. In the Franklin, the Seaton, and others of our larger school buildings, this plan has been pursued, and we recommend that the same method be insisted upon in this building.

These considerations, submitted by the General Superintendent and also by the Principal of the District, have determined your Committee to propose the following resolutions as a substitute for the first and second referred to their consideration by this Board, to wit:

Resolved, 1. That this Board hereby recommend to the Honorable Commissioners of the District that the new Berret School Building be so constructed in all its arrangements as that it shall be adapted to either boys or girls.

2. That the status of the boys' schools in the Seaton Building shall remain unchanged during the remainder of the present school year, and that the Berret Building, when completed, shall be occupied by girls' schools during the same period.

3. That at the commencement of another school year the Seaton Building shall be permanently occupied by girls, and the Berret by boys.

In relation to the third resolution referred to your Committee, they would, while reporting the same back to the Board without recommendation, respectfully ask that the Board decide at this meeting whether or not this Special Committee on the Berret Building shall be continued in sole charge of the same until completed.

W. W. CURTIS, *Chairman*.
R. B. DETRICK,
JOHN RANDOLPH.

Resolved, That the building now in process of erection for the use of the public schools on the triangular piece of ground bounded by New York avenue, L and Sixth streets northwest, be, and the same is hereby, set apart for boys' schools only.

2. That whenever and so soon as this new building shall be completed and ready for occupation, the Seaton Building shall be, and the same is hereby, set apart for girls' schools only, and its present occupants shall vacate.

3. That a copy of these resolutions be furnished to the Committee on Property for their guidance as to the necessary closet accommodations required in the new building.

Referred to the Special Committee to Superintend the Enlargement of the Berret School Building, with instructions to report at next meeting of this Board.

JOHN H. BROOKS, *Secretary*.

Mr. HOVEY requested a separate vote on each resolution of the Committee.

On the first resolution those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs. Brooks, Johnson, Ryder, Detrick, Randolph, Mitchell, and the President—7. Those who voted in the negative were Messrs. Champlin, French, Hart, Hovey, Lloyd, Packard and Smith—7.

So the first resolution was lost.

On the second resolution those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs. Brooks, Johnson, Ryder, Randolph, Detrick, and the President—6. Those who voted in the negative were Messrs. Champlin, French, Hart, Hovey, Lloyd, Packard, Mitchell and Smith—8.

The third resolution was adopted.

Mr. HOVEY then moved the adoption of the first and second of the original resolutions which had been referred to the Committee, and the motion was carried by a vote of 10 to 4.

Yeas—Messrs. Champlin, French, Hart, Hovey, Lloyd, Packard, Smith, Randolph, Detrick and Mitchell. Nays—Messrs. Brooks, Johnson, Ryder and Curtis.

Mr. HOVEY moved as a substitute for the third of the original resolutions, that instead of the Committee on Property, the resolutions be furnished to the Special Building Committee.

Adopted.

Mr. JOHNSON, from the Sub-Board of the Seventh District, to whom was referred the petition of Messrs. Collins, Bowen and others, citizens residing in the Fourth School District, asking for increased school accommodation, submitted the following report :

The facilities in said district consist of one two-story brick, located on the corner of Ninth and E streets, southwest, indifferently erected in 1864. It has eight school rooms with a seating capacity for 466 pupils. The size of rooms is 37 feet long, 27 feet wide and 11½ feet high. The number of cubic feet to the room is 11,488 ; number of cubic feet of air for each pupil, 191. Value of school property : Site, \$4,500 ; building, \$9,000 ; furniture, \$1,950. Total, \$15,450.

The Randall School Building, located at the intersection of Delaware avenue, H and First streets, is a one-story frame building, formerly a barrack, enlarged in 1869. It has five small school rooms, and very limited conveniences, with a seating capacity for 280 pupils. The lot contains 9,068 square feet, and is triangular in form, being similar to that upon which the new Berret School Building is now being erected. It was deeded by the United States Government to the Trustees of Colored Schools for educational purposes. In addition to the above there are two small school rooms, one fairly adapted for school purposes, while the other is so miserable in its general fitness that nothing but extreme necessity would justify its retention for a single day. The school accommodation in the Fourth District is not only inadequate, but generally of such a nature as to require immediate remedial measures, both with a view to the furtherance of education and protecting the health of the children.

The establishing of higher grades of schools, the want of which is complained of in the Fourth District, is a matter which applies, as far as the colored schools are concerned, to all the districts, and is caused by insufficient school accommodation ; hence it can be remedied only by giving additional school accommodation. The opinion of the law officer for the District of Columbia being favorable to the erection of buildings for educational purposes on sites owned by the Trustees, the Sub-Board would most respectfully recommend the erection of a plain, substantial brick building, with at least ten school rooms, on the site now occupied by the barrack, at the intersection of Delaware avenue, First and H streets. The Sub-Board would further state that the condition of the frame barrack now occupied for school purposes on the site above mentioned is such as will compel them in a short time to vacate the premises. They would also state that ample funds are now to the credit of the colored schools to justify the recommendation herewith submitted.

HENRY JOHNSON,
JOHN H. BROOKS,
WM. P. RYDER.

Mr. HART offered the following :

Resolved, That the pay of the substitutes be computed by dividing the month's salary of the teacher by the number of school days in the month, and for each day's substituting the substitute shall receive one-half of the per diem so found.

Adopted.

Mr. LLOYD offered the following :

Resolved, That the members of the Board offering resolutions or other papers to be referred be required to make them in duplicate.

Adopted.

The Board, on motion, then adjourned.

REGULAR MEETING.

FRANKLIN SCHOOL BUILDING,

December 14, 1875.

The Board of Trustees of Public Schools in and for the District of Columbia met on the above date, W. W. Curtis, Esq., in the Chair; John H. Brooks, Secre-tary.

Present: Messrs. Brown, Champlin, Dyer, Ferguson, French, Hart, Hovey, Johnson, Lloyd, Moffat, Packard, Detrick, Mitchell, Randolph, Smith, and Ryder.

The Secretary presented the following from the Honorable Commissioners of the District of Columbia:

Communication of J. H. Cook, enclosing bill of Dr. A. T. Augusta for \$50 for service rendered as Teacher of Anatomy and Physiology in the Preparatory High School, Summer School Building, for the month of May, 1875, referred to this Board, calling attention to enclosed affidavits.

Referred to Sub-Board of the Seventh District.

Also the proposition of James McLain & Co., to furnish the material and place in position upon the several school buildings "the Munson tubular copper lightning rod."

Referred to Committee on Property.

Also the report of this Board upon the petition of Messrs. Bowen, Collins and others, relative to school accommodations for the colored children in the Fourth School District, returned with the following endorsement: "November 23, 1875. Returned to the Board of Trustees of Public Schools, who will confer with Mr. Plowman as to the character of building required in this locality, and he will prepare and submit to said Board plans for same, which when approved by the Board of School Trustees will be forwarded thereby to the Commissioners. The plans will be based upon an expenditure in no case to exceed \$20,000, for cost of building complete. No extra will be allowed upon any condition whatever."

Mr. JOHNSON offered the following:

Resolved, That the recommendations of the Honorable Commissioners, relative to the proposed erection of a school building in the Fourth School District for colored children, be referred to a Select Committee consisting of the President of this Board, Superintendent of Colored Schools and members of the Sub-Board of the Seventh District, with authority for said Select Committee to act.

Mr. CHAMPLIN moved to amend the resolution by inserting "Committee on Property," in lieu of the Select Committee named.

After discussion the resolution was temporarily laid aside.

Mr. FRENCH presented a petition from R. A. McMurray and others, in reference to alleged offences committed by pupils attending the John F. Cook School Building, and complaining of a report made to this Board on the same subject by the Sub-Board of the Seventh District.

Consideration indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Mr. JOHNSON, the vote indefinitely postponing the consideration of the petition of R. A. McMurray and others was reconsidered, and

Mr. DYER offered the following :

Resolved, That the petition be returned to the petitioners, with the request that if they have any complaint to make against the scholars of the John F. Cook School for misconduct occurring since their former complaint, that they will make the same more specific as to the alleged offences complained of, and the persons who are alleged to have committed such offences.

Adopted.

Mr. FRENCH presented the following :

WASHINGTON, D. C.,
November 5, 1875.

To the Sub-Board of Trustees, Third District.

GENTLEMEN : I hereby resign my position as teacher of Male Secondary School No. 5, Third District, to take effect the 30th instant.

Very respectfully,

ALICE OULAHAN.

Accepted.

Applications for positions as teachers were received from Miss Lizzie Larner and Miss F. Crafton, of Washington ; Mr. James R. Freeman, of Biddeford, Maine, and Mr. Dewees L. Farrar, of Ludlow, Vermont ; also as Assistant Music Teacher, from Miss Lucy M. Williams, and Miss Maggie Clark.

Referred to Superintendent Wilson.

The Superintendents submitted the following abstract of reports for November, 1875 :

	Washington.	George- town.	County.	Total.
1. Whole number of pupils enrolled :				
White.....	9,386	938	696	11,020
Colored.....	4,336	372	889	5,597
	<hr/> 13,722	<hr/> 1,310	<hr/> 1,585	<hr/> 16,617

	Washington.	George- town.	County.	Total.
2. Number of pupils on the rolls the last day of the month :				
White.....	9,128	918	657	10,703
Colored.....	4,185	349	834	5,368
	13,313	1,267	1,491	16,071
3. Average number of pupils in daily attendance :				
White.....	8,748	883	530	10,161
Colored.....	4,144	338	669	5,151
	12,892	1,221	1,199	15,312
4. Percentage of attendance :				
White.....	95.5	95.8	86.0	
Colored.....	98.3	96.6	87.4	
5. Number of teachers employed :				
White schools.....	165	19	16	200
Colored schools.....	82	7	17	106
	247	26	33	306
6. Number of cases of tardiness :				
White schools.....	403	107	...	510
Colored schools.....	78	17	...	95
	481	124	...	605
7. Number of cases of corporal punishment :				
White schools.....	13	9	15	37
Colored schools.....	20	11	11	42
	33	20	26	79
8. Number of pupils dismissed :				
White.....	9	5	..	14
Colored.....	8	4	..	12
	17	9	..	26

J. ORMOND WILSON,
GEO. F. T. COOK,
Superintendents.

The Sub-Board of the Third District reported as follows :

Promote Miss Martha E. Armistead from Primary No. 3 to Secondary No. 5, *vice* Miss Alice Oulahan, resigned.

Transfer Miss Martha J. McCutchen from Primary No. 1 to Primary No. 3.

Transfer Miss Mary Sanderson from Primary No. 2 to Primary No. 1.

Appoint Miss Florence Hinton acting teacher of Primary No. 2 ; all to take effect from December 1, 1875.

E. F. FRENCH,
CHARLES E. HOVEY,
Sub-Board.

Confirmed.

The Sub-Board of the Fifth District submitted the following statement of the cost of the Georgetown School Building :

Cost of Site.....	\$13,000.00
Cost of Building.....	84,299.32
Cost of Heating Apparatus.....	6,550.00
Cost of Furniture.....	5,530.11
Total.....	<u>\$109,379.43</u>

W. W. CURTIS,
F. W. MOFFAT,
Sub-Board Fifth District.

Mr. CHAMPLIN, from the Committee on Supplies and Accounts, submitted the following bills for approval :

G. Y. AtLee, \$5; J. W. Barker, \$125, \$375—\$500; Bright & Humphreys, \$200; Geo. H. Brooks, \$45; Albert Bouldin, \$80; Robert Boyd, \$13.50; Mrs. Mary M. Cameron, \$120; C. B. Church & Co., \$75, \$60—\$135; Geo. W. Cissel, \$250; *Critic*, \$3; Chas. Davis, \$57.50; Ephraim Davis, \$76.50; Jas. Y. Davis' Sons, \$90; William Dunn, \$75; Samuel Emery, \$8; W. W. Farr, \$4.17, \$2—\$6.17; First Baptist Church, \$125; B. D. Gallagher, \$3.50; Patrick Goines, \$30.25; H. I. Gregory, \$118.75, \$39.25—\$158; George F. Gulick, \$425; A. Hart, \$67.34, \$130—\$197.34; H. W. Hinkle, \$3, \$24—\$27; I. G. Kimball, \$150; Noble D. Larner, \$425; Aaron Lee, \$4; I. P. Libbey, \$1.50; F. C. Lugenbeel, \$6.50; Lutheran Chapel, \$60; McGill & Witherow, \$1000, \$15.50—\$1015.50; J. C. McKelden, \$300; William McLean, \$62.16; William B. Marche, \$7.25; Geo Martain, \$11.50; Memmert & Korff, \$22.75; Memorial Parish, \$120; W. Mendenhall, \$15; W. M. Middleton, \$65; Francis Miller, \$39.72; G. W. Moore, \$10; Naval Lodge No. 4, F. A. A. M., \$125; T. A. Newman, \$75; William Nottingham, \$272.78, \$119.53—\$392.31; Odorless Excavating Company, \$200.59, \$145—\$345.50; Ann S. Parker, \$150; R. S. Parks, \$60; D. C. Patterson, \$250; William Reapsomer, \$190; W. J. Rhees, \$200; J. R. Riggles, Treasurer, \$250; Joseph L. Savage, \$32.60; Jacob Ramsburg, \$72.76; C. Schaefer, Trustee, \$60; John Schmatz, Agent, \$100; L. H. Schneider, \$14.49; S. S. Stearns, \$150, \$10—\$160; E. Z. Steever, \$39.67, \$10—\$49.67; Julius Strobel, \$4.80; S. John Thomson, \$120; Washington Society of the New Jerusalem, \$125; D. Webster, \$3; Rev. Charles I. White, \$250; O. C. Wight and H. J. Frost, \$75; Rice Bros., \$15; A. R. Shepherd & Co., \$69.47; W. W. Rapley, \$210; W. T. Gardner, \$42.50; P. Robinson, \$4; H. C. Spencer, \$350; Schooler & Branson, \$98.37, \$467.30—\$565.67; Meehan & Talvey, \$81.62; J. L. Matthews, \$3.70; Walter Jackson, \$26; William E. Wood, \$27.10; Charles C. Martin, \$10.75. Total, \$9269.48.

Approved.

Also the following :

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the District of Columbia be requested to allow Mr. John H. Brooks \$250 as compensation for services as Secretary of this Board for the time from which this Board was created to the first of January, 1876.

Adopted.

Mr. PACKARD, from the Committee on Property, submitted the following report and recommendation :

WASHINGTON, D. C.,

December 14, 1875.

GENTLEMEN: Referring to the resolution adopted by the Board requesting the Committee on Property to take into consideration the condition of the water-closets at the Jefferson, Greenleaf, and Potomac Buildings, your Sub-Committee have to report that they have visited those buildings and have made a careful examination of the premises.

At the Jefferson Building we found the water-closets in a wretched condition; being constructed with the spring seat, it is intended that they should cleanse themselves while in use, but not more than two out of the whole number of seats will operate. The valves are out of order, and there does not appear to be a sufficient pressure of water, on the girls' side in particular, to cleanse the hoppers. This latter defect is probably produced by the over abundant flow of water through the troughs on the boys' side, and could be remedied by enlarging the main supply pipe. We would recommend that the entire water-closet arrangement at this Building be completely and thoroughly overhauled and put in a wholesome sanitary condition.

We next visited the Greenleaf Building. Arriving there between the hours of 12 and 1 o'clock, we were unable to find any teachers in attendance. The passages were open, however, and full of school children, who were conducting themselves in a very boisterous manner. The floors of the passages and the stairways are very filthy and littered up with pieces of paper, bread and butter, chunks of meat, nut shells and other rubbish. The water-closets in this building are not kept as clean as they should be. The urinal accommodations are inadequate, and we would recommend that an additional urinal 6 to 8 feet long be put in at once.

Arriving at the Potomac Building, we found the teachers in and their rooms in fair order, but the halls were about as filthy as at the Greenleaf. Some portions of the floor, such as under the stove and washstands, did not appear to have been molested by the sweeps since the beginning of the school year. There is room for improvement as to the cleanliness of the water-closets at this building as well as at the Greenleaf. The urinals are insufficient, and we would recommend an additional one be put in, the same as at the Greenleaf, at as early a day as possible.

It is evident that the sweeps at the Greenleaf and Potomac Buildings are slack in performing their duties, and require watching. It is the opinion of your Committee that the Principal of the Fourth District should be required to inspect these buildings more frequently, and correct the faults herein mentioned. *A frequent personal inspection of the water-closets should be required of every teacher.*

Respectfully submitted.

Adopted.

Mr. CHAMPLIN, from the same Committee, submitted recommendations for repairs, new furniture, &c., for the several school buildings.

Recommendations of Committee approved.

Mr. JOHNSON called up his resolution relative to the appointment of a Select Committee to superintend the erection of the proposed school building for colored children in the Fourth District, Mr. J. Sullivan Brown in the chair.

The Chair decided the matter could not, under the rules, be referred to a Select Committee.

Mr. JOHNSON appealed from the decision of the Chair.

The decision of the Chair was sustained.

Affirmative 11—negative 6.

Those who voted in the affirmative were—

Messrs. Champlin, Curtis, Dyer, French, Hart, Hovey, Lloyd, Moffat, Mitchell, Packard, and Smith.

In the negative—

Messrs. Brooks, Detrick, Ferguson, Johnson, Randolph, and Ryder.

Mr. JOHNSON moved a suspension of the rules, and called for the ayes and noes.

Lost.

Affirmative—Messrs. Brooks, Detrick, Ferguson, Johnson, Mitchell, Randolph, Ryder—7.

Negative—Messrs. Champlin, Curtis, Dyer, French, Hart, Hovey, Lloyd, Moffat, Packard, Smith, Brown—11.

Mr. RANDOLPH moved to postpone the consideration of the subject until the next meeting of the Board.

Not agreed to. Affirmative—8. Negative—9.

Mr. JOHNSON moved to lay the whole matter on the table.

Lost.

Affirmative—Messrs. Brooks, Johnson, Ferguson, Moffat, Detrick—5.

Negative—Messrs. Brown, Champlin, Curtis, Dyer, Hart, Hovey, Lloyd, Packard, Mitchell, Ryder—10.

The vote was then taken on the amendment offered by Mr. Champlin to refer the matter to the Committee on Property.

Agreed to.

Affirmative—Messrs. Brown, Champlin, Curtis, Dyer, French, Hart, Hovey, Packard, Lloyd, Mitchell—10.

Negative—Messrs. Brooks, Detrick, Ferguson, Ryder—4.

Mr. BROOKS respectfully tendered his resignation as a member of the Committee on Property, and urged its acceptance.

On motion of Mr. Champlin, its consideration was postponed.

Mr. MITCHELL submitted the following :

Resolved, That Article V, Section 4, of the By-Laws, be so far modified as to give the supervision of the erection of school buildings and furnishing the same in the Seventh School District to the Sub-Board of that district, who, together with the President of this Board, and the Superinten-

dent of Colored Schools for Washington and Georgetown, shall constitute a Select Committee for that purpose, and that this Select Committee shall, as far as possible, harmonize with the Committee on Property in the manner of erecting and furnishing said buildings.

Referred to the Committee on Rules, and consideration postponed under the rules to the next regular meeting.

On motion, the Board then adjourned.

REGULAR MEETING.

FRANKLIN SCHOOL BUILDING,
January 11, 1876.

The Board of Trustees of Public Schools in and for the District of Columbia met on the above date. W. W. Curtis, Esq., in the chair; John H. Brooks, Secretary.

Present—Messrs. Brown, Brooke, Champlin, Detrick, Dyer, Ferguson, French, Hart, Hovey, Johnson, Lloyd, Mitchell, Moffat, Packard, Randolph and Ryder.

The reading of the Minutes of December 14, 1875, was dispensed with, and they were approved as printed.

The Secretary presented a communication from the Superintendent of Public Property, informing the Board that he was directed by the Honorable Commissioners of the District of Columbia to collect all old and useless furniture belonging to the Public Schools, and sell the same at auction.

Referred to the Committee on Property.

Applications for the position of teachers were received from Miss Hattie E. Gove, Messrs. M. D. Hall, H. M. Baldwin, and N. H. Hitchcock.

Referred to Superintendent Wilson.

Also the application of Mr. Mozart B. Fleet, for position of Engineer and Machinist in the Colored Schools.

Referred to the Sub-Board of the Seventh District.

Mr. HART presented the resignation of Mr. A. T. Stuart, as assistant teacher of Male Grammar School, First District, to take effect December 31, 1875.

Accepted.

A communication was received from Mr. Alexander Kibby, janitor of Cranch School Building, requesting that his salary be fixed at not less than \$50 per month during the entire year.

Referred to the Committee on Property.

Mr. LLOYD presented the resignation of Miss Bettie Havenner, as assistant music teacher, to take effect January 1, 1876.

Accepted.

A communication from D. Turner, agent United States Salamander Felting Company, proposing to furnish the Salamander felting for the Jefferson School Building, was received and referred to the Committee on Property for report.

The Superintendents submitted the following abstract of reports for December, 1875 :

	Washington.	George- town.	County.	Total.
1. Whole number of pupils enrolled :				
White.....	9,240	932	675	10,847
Colored	4,259	352	862	5,473
	13,499	1,284	1,537	16,320
2. Number of pupils on the rolls the last day of the month :				
White.....	8,894	891	626	10,411
Colored.....	4,095	331	796	5,222
	12,989	1,222	1,422	15,633
3. Average number of pupils in daily attendance :				
White.....	8,553	849	513	9,915
Colored	4,077	312	655	5,044
	12,630	1,161	1,168	14,959
4. Percentage of attendance :				
White.....	94.6	94.9	85.4	
Colored	98.5	96.7	88.6	
5. Number of teachers employed :				
White schools	165	19	16	200
Colored schools	83	7	17	107
	248	26	33	307
6. Number of cases of tardiness :				
White schools	303	126	..	429
Colored schools	40	6	...	46
	343	132	..	475
7. Number of cases of corporal punishment :				
White schools	13	7	8	28
Colored schools.....	22	...	15	37
	35	7	23	65
8. Number of pupils dismissed :				
White	8	1	...	9
Colored	10	1	...	11
	18	2	...	20

J. ORMOND WILSON,
GEO. F. T. COOK,
Superintendents.

The Committee on Rules, to whom was referred the resolution of Mr. Mitchell, at the last meeting of the Board, modifying Article V, Section 4, of the By-Laws, reported back the same, without favorable recommendation,

On motion of Mr. JOHNSON, the report was recommitted, with instructions to consider the advisability of amending the rule to make it applicable to all the Sub-Boards.

Mr. RANDOLPH, from the Committee on Teachers, presented the following report, which, after a few verbal corrections, was adopted :

January 11, 1876.

The Committee on Teachers, in pursuance of a notice in the daily papers, held an examination of candidates for teacherships and for promotion December 18, 1875, with the following result :

George F. Billings and Lillie B. Holbrook are recommended for a Grammar School certificate.

Mary McGill and Elizabeth L. Riley, for an Intermediate certificate.

M. Josephine Good, Mary I. Sampson, Emma L. Godey and Laura V. Blundon, for a Secondary certificate.

Mary E. Trask, for a Primary certificate.

In order to secure a more faithful compliance with the law, and with the rules of this Board, made in conformity thereto, and to elevate the standard of scholarship among our present corps of teachers, your Committee would submit and recommend the adoption of the following :

Resolved, 1. That hereafter no person shall be appointed a teacher of a Primary School who does not hold a primary certificate or a diploma from the Normal School.

2. That teachers now holding such an appointment without any certificate, shall be required to attend the next stated examination for teachers, with a view to secure a Primary certificate.

3. That teachers promoted to a school of a higher grade than the certificate they hold, shall be required to attend the examination next succeeding their promotion, in order to secure a certificate corresponding with such grade.

4. That the assistants in the Male Grammar Schools shall be required to secure a Grammar School certificate.

5. That neglect or failure on the part of any teacher to secure the requisite certificate, as above provided, shall be deemed a sufficient cause for the discontinuance of such teacher in such grade.

JOHN RANDOLPH,
CHAS. E. HOVEY,
F. W. MOFFAT,
B. F. LLOYD,
GEO. W. DYER.

Mr. CHAMPLIN, from the Committee on Supplies and Accounts, submitted the following bills, which were approved :

John A. Baker, \$38.30. \$124.89—\$163.19; William Ballantyne, \$1610.68, \$482.64—\$2093.32; J. W. Barker, \$45; Robert Boyd, \$4.81; John Burgess, \$6; Charles Davis, \$12.50; David W. Dickson, \$6; Samuel Emery,

\$1753.77, \$124.95, \$606—\$2484.72; W. W. Farr, \$16.67, \$1.50, \$5, \$3—\$26.17; John H. Ferguson, \$2.25; Richard A. Frere, \$39; N. B. Fugitt, \$39.36; B. D. Gallagher, \$16.50; Z. D. Gilman, \$11.45; H. I. Gregory, \$31.50; A. V. Grimes, agent, \$220.67; Hall & Hume, \$6.50; William Harris, \$40; W. H. Harrover, \$62; William Hurly, \$8.14, \$19.75—\$27.89; Charles A. Krause, \$8.70; Joseph McGill, \$4; M. McIntire, \$8.75; J. W. McKnight & Co., \$126, \$197, \$72—\$395; J. Morgan, \$1.50; W. B. Moses, \$5.75; W. W. Rapley, \$11.50; *Republican* Book and Job Office, \$42.50; E. Z. Steever, \$25.50; S. R. Swann & Co., \$1.25; H. O. Towles, \$125; Thomas A. Watson, \$34; George Willner, \$27; James A. Whitcomb, \$5, \$16—\$21; John B. Wilson, \$273.65; W. N. Wood, \$20. Total, \$6343.73.

Mr. LLOYD, from the Committee on Music, presented the following :

The Committee on Music nominate Mrs. Davidson as assistant teacher of music for the schools of Washington City, D. C., to take effect January 1, 1876, she having passed a satisfactory examination, *vice* Bettie Havenner, resigned.

B. F. LLOYD,
A. HART,
G. W. MITCHELL,
F. W. MOFFAT,
WM. P. RYDER.

Adopted.

Mr. PACKARD, from the Committee on Property, in relation to the "Colburn Porus Evaporator," respectfully recommended, as an experiment, the purchase of ten evaporators, to be applied to rooms heated with stoves and hot-air furnaces.

Recommendation of Committee adopted.

Also, in relation to the proposition of James McLain & Co., to place on the different school buildings the "Munson tubular copper lightning rod," Committee does not deem it expedient at the present time to recommend such an expenditure.

Report of the Committee adopted as the reply of this Board to the Honorable Commissioners on this subject.

Also, in relation to the complaint of the Principal of the First District, relative to school rooms in the basement of the Thirteenth Street Baptist Church, the Committee urgently recommend that the schools now in said basement be removed to more suitable quarters at the earliest possible moment.

Referred to the Sub-Board of the First District.

Also a communication from the Committee on Property to the Honorable Commissioners, requesting authority to employ, in cases of emergency, an extra carpenter or two, for a day or so at a time, to assist mechanical janitor, and also at times when he may be sent into the county to make needed repairs, with the following endorsed approval of the Commis-

sioners: "January 4, 1876. Returned. The Property Committee of the Board of School Trustees is authorized to employ extra carpenters to assist the superintending janitor and his assistant, whenever, in its opinion, they cannot do work in a school building requiring immediate attention; such extra labor not to exceed the equivalent of ten days work for one man on any one school building for one month. The Property Committee will certify to the work so done under its order."

Action of Committee approved.

Also the following :

Resolved, That when it becomes necessary to employ carpenters to assist the mechanical janitor of the Board in making repairs etc., the carpenters so employed shall be paid two dollars and fifty cents per day, until otherwise ordered.

Adopted.

The Sub-Board of the First District nominated Mr. L. B. Allen as acting assistant teacher of Male Grammar School, First District, to take effect January 1, 1876, in place of Mr. A. T. Stuart, resigned.

Also transfer Mrs. Mary I. Sampson and Miss Mary McGill from the list of acting to the list of permanent teachers.

A. HART,
GEO. W. DYER,
Trustees.

Confirmed.

The Sub-Board of the Second District recommend the transfer of George F. Billings, assistant Male Grammar, and Miss Lillie B. Holbrook teacher of Female Third Intermediate, from the acting to the permanent list of teachers.

R. B. DETRICK,
JOHN RANDOLPH.

Adopted.

Mr. DETRICK offered the following :

Whereas, the school building located at the corner of Fourteenth and Q streets, Northwest, erected under the administration of Colonel J. G. Berret, as Mayor of Washington City, is already known as the "Berret School Building;" and *whereas*, it is inexpedient to have two school buildings of the same name in this city; therefore be it

Resolved, That the building now in course of reconstruction at the corner of New York Avenue and Sixth street, Northwest, shall hereafter be known and designated as the "Abbot School Building."

Adopted.

Mr. FRENCH, from the Sub-Board of the Third District, nominated Mrs. Alice M. Dulin to be teacher of Secondary School No. 4, Third District, *vice* Miss Jane G. Moss, deceased, to take effect on the first day of January, 1876.

Confirmed.

Mr. LLOYD, from the Sub-Board of the Fourth District, recommended the transfer of Miss Elizabeth L. Riley from the acting to the permanent list of teachers.

Agreed to.

Mr. MOFFAT, from the Sub-Board of the Fifth District, recommended the following transfers:

Transfer Miss M. Josephine Good, Miss Laura V. Blunden and Miss Emma L. Godey from the acting to the permanent list of teachers.

Agreed to.

Your County Sub-Board ask for the confirmation of the following:

Promote Peter S. Lesh from acting to permanent teacher of School No. 4, District No. 7; also W. S. Montgomery from acting to permanent Principal of School No. 3, District No. 7.

B. F. PACKARD.

Confirmed.

Also the following :

Whereas, there is a large number of white children of school age resident in the southeastern portion of the Fifth County School District that are without the necessary school accommodations; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the District of Columbia be requested to purchase a site on the Bladensburg road, between Boundary street and Mount Olivet Cemetery, and erect thereon during the coming spring a two-room school-house.

Referred to the Committee on Property.

Mr. BROWN, from the same, requested the approval of the following recommendations :

"Condemn the two school houses for colored children, situated respectively at Brightwood and Fort Slocum, and erect a two-room building on the road leading from Brightwood to the Rock Creek Church road."

Referred to the Committee on Property.

Mr. DETRICK offered the following :

Resolved, That a Committee to consist of three members of this Board be appointed to investigate the matter of arrearage of pay yet due Miss S. R. Le Bosquet, formerly a teacher in the First School District; why she has not been sooner paid, and to take such steps as will secure the payment of the amount due with as little delay as possible, and to report to this Board at its next meeting.

Agreed to, and the Chair appointed as the Committee, Messrs. Detrick, Hovey, and Dyer.

Mr. LLOYD presented the following :

Whereas, Certain school-rooms of the Jefferson Building are insufficiently heated, as well as the hall of said building; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Committee on Property be requested to take immediate steps to have said rooms and hall properly heated, with a view to their healthy occupancy.

Mr. RYDER presented the following:

Resolved, That the name of Noah Jones be restored to the pay-roll as janitor of the Brooks School.

Referred to the Sub-Board of the Seventh District.

The Board then, on motion, adjourned.

REGULAR MEETING.

FRANKLIN SCHOOL BUILDING,

February 8, 1876.

The Board of Trustees of Public Schools in and for the District of Columbia met on the above date, W. W. Curtis, Esq., in the chair; John H. Brooks Secretary.

Present, Messrs. Brown, Brooke, Champlin, Detrick, Dyer, Ferguson, French, Hovey, Johnson, Lloyd, Mitchell, Moffat, Packard, Randolph, Ryder and Smith.

The reading of the Minutes of January 11 was dispensed with, and they were approved as printed.

A communication from F. P. May & Co., calling attention to annoyance of schools over their store on Pennsylvania avenue, between Sixth and Seventh streets, was received.

Referred to Sub-Board of the Second District.

Also from R. D. O. Smith enclosing circular explaining his odorless water-closet.

Mr. BROWN offered the following:

Resolved, That Smith's odorless water-closets be applied at one of the Public School Houses of Washington, for the purpose of testing their efficiency and practical value.

Referred to the Committee on Property.

Mr. JOHNSON presented the application of Miss Hermione Alston for position of teacher in Colored Schools.

Referred to Superintendent Cook for file.

A communication, with circular, from J. Meyer, explaining his "new improved drawing circle for enlarging and copying," was received.

Referred to the Committee on Drawing.

The Superintendents submitted the following abstract of reports for the month of January, 1876 :

	Washington.	George- town.	County.	Total.
1. Whole number of pupils enrolled:				
White	9,219	936	713	10,868
Colored.....	4,248	343	995	5,586
Total.....	13,467	1,279	1,708	16,454
2. Number of pupils on the rolls the last day of the month :				
White.....	9,010	923	682	10,615
Colored.....	4,129	351	910	5,390
Total.....	13,139	1,274	1,592	16,005
3. Average number of pupils in daily attendance :				
White... ..	8,626	875	571	10,072
Colored.....	4,057	331	765	5,153
Total.....	12,683	1,206	1,336	15,225
4. Percentage of attendance :				
White.....	94.9	95.3	89.2	
Colored.....	98.3	96.8	89.5	
5. Number of teachers employed :				
White schools	165	19	16	200
Colored schools.....	83	7	17	107
Total.....	248	26	33	307
6. Number of cases of tardiness :				
White schools.....	385	159	....	544
Colored schools.....	32	13	....	45
Total.....	417	172	....	589
7. No. of cases of corporal punishment :				
White schools.....	12	16	9	37
Colored schools	39	4	25	68
Total.....	51	20	34	105
8. Number of pupils dismissed :				
White.....	14	2	....	16
Colored.....	9	....	....	9
Total.....	23	2	....	25

J. ORMOND WILSON,
GEO. F. T. COOK,

Superintendents.

Placed on file.

Mr. PACKARD, from the Sub-Board of the Sixth District, submitted the following :

WASHINGTON, D C, February 8, 1876.

The Sub-Board of the Sixth District desire to call your attention to the proposition for erecting a new school-house near Tennallytown, approved by this Board March 9, 1875. We have now to recommend that

the Honorable Commissioners be requested to purchase of Perry Sherwood the parcel of land situated on the Rockville turnpike at the intersection of the Pierce's Mills road, containing one half acre, more or less, at a cost not exceeding five hundred dollars, and that the erection of a school building on said lot be commenced at an early day.

Referred to the Committee on Property.

Mr. JOHNSON, from the Sub-Board of the Seventh District, to whom was referred the claim of Dr. A. T. Augusta for one month's pay as special teacher in the Colored Schools of Washington and Georgetown, reported back the same, with a full explanation.

Report of Sub-Board adopted, and Secretary instructed to forward the same to the Honorable Commissioners of the District of Columbia.

Also, a report relative to the fire and subsequent panics at the Stevens School Building, enclosing a detailed statement of the Principal, Mrs. M. V. Datcher, and report of the Inspector of Public Buildings, and recommending the placing of additional stairways in said building before the schools should be again opened.

On motion of Mr. FRENCH, the whole matter was referred to the Committee on Property, with power to act.

Those who voted in the affirmative were—Messrs. Brown, Brooke, Champlin, Curtis, Dyer, French, Hovey, Lloyd, Packard, Smith—10.

Negative—Messrs. Brooks, Detrick, Ferguson, Johnson, Mitchell, Randolph, Ryder—7

Mr. JOHNSON, in connection with this subject, presented the following communication :

FOURTH PRECINCT STATION,
WASHINGTON, D. C , January 31, 1876.

Mr. HENRY JOHNSON,

Chairman Sub-Board School Trustees, &c.:

SIR : In answer to yours of the 24th instant, asking for information concerning the conduct of the Principal and her associate teachers during the recent fire at the Stevens School Building, I am pleased to be able to inform you that the conduct of the teachers on that occasion was of a most praiseworthy and deserving character, and that it was principally owing to the coolness and untiring efforts on the part of the Principal and her associate teachers that no very serious accident occurred.

Very respectfully yours, &c ,

A. A. GREER,
Lieutenant Fourth Precinct.

And submitted the following :

Resolved, That the thanks of this Board are due, and are hereby tendered, to Mrs. M V. Datcher, Principal of the Stevens School Building, and her associate teachers, for the admirable coolness and self-possession displayed on the occasion of the recent fire and subsequent panics at said building.

Adopted.

Mr. PACKARD, from the Committee on Property, submitted the following report in reference to recommendation of Sub-Board of the Sixth District to purchase a site and erect a school building on the Bladensburg road :

Recommendation of Sub-Board concurred in, and favorable action of the Board requested.

Approved.

Referring to the request of the Sub-Board of the Sixth District, that the school property for colored children at Brightwood and Fort Slocum be condemned and sold, and in lieu of these two pieces of property that a site be purchased on the Shepherd road midway between said points, and a two-room school house erected thereon during the coming spring for the better accommodation of the colored youth attending said schools, the Committee report back the same for the favorable consideration of the Board.

Report of Committee approved.

Relative to the communication of Alexander Kibbey, janitor "Cranch Building," requesting an adjustment of his salary, your Committee desire the same laid over until the next regular meeting of the Board.

Granted.

In the matter of additional heating apparatus for the Jefferson Building, introduced by Trustee Lloyd, your Committee ask for further time to consider the subject.

Granted.

In relation to the proposed concreting of the floors of the water-closets at the "Stevens Building," your Committee have made a careful examination of the premises, and are not yet prepared to report.

Further time granted.

The request for a cistern at the white school near the Soldiers' Home appears to be a reasonable one, and there is no doubt that the plan proposed is feasible, and, in fact, the only one that can be adopted. Your Committee would recommend that the building be properly spouted and a cistern built, the cost not to exceed \$215 for the entire work, including filter and pump.

Recommendation of Committee approved, and ordered to be forwarded to the Commissioners of the District of Columbia.

Concerning the resolution referred to your Committee fixing the salaries of janitors, we would respectfully report that it is deemed inexpedient to interfere with the existing contracts with janitors during the present school year, and have to request that further time be granted us in which to prepare a schedule of salaries to take effect at the commencement of the next school year.

Mr. JOHNSON moved that the report be adopted.

Mr. BROWN moved to amend by referring back the whole matter to the Committee on Property, with instructions to report a schedule of prices for janitors at the next meeting of the Board.

Rejected by the following vote :

Yeas—Messrs. Brown, Brooke, French, Hovey, Lloyd—5.

Nays—Messrs. Brooks, Champlin, Curtis, Detrick, Ferguson, Johnson, Mitchell, Packard, Randolph, Ryder, Smith—11.

The motion of Mr. Johnson was then adopted.

Yeas—Messrs. Brooks, Champlin, Curtis, Detrick, Ferguson, Johnson, Mitchell, Packard, Randolph, Ryder, Smith—11.

Nays—Messrs. Brown, Brooke, French, Hovey, Lloyd—5.

Referring to the resolution offered by Trustee Lloyd, requiring the Superintendents, or one of them, to be personally present whenever furniture is to be placed in any school-room, your Committee would recommend its adoption.

Adopted.

In relation to the proposition offered by Trustee Hovey, for awarding special prizes for the best kept school building, your Committee have partially matured a plan, and ask for further time to complete the same.

Granted.

The resolution offered by Trustee Hovey, defining the duties of janitors, is reported back to the Board with the statement that it is deemed inexpedient to enact regulations of the kind proposed, believing that the rule prescribing the duties of Principals adequate to meet the case.

Recommendation adopted.

Mr. CHAMPLIN, from the Committee on Supplies and Accounts, submitted the following bills for the approval of the Board :

William Ballantyne, \$969.37; Thomas C. Basshor & Co., \$350; R. Beresford, \$65.90; Robert Boyd, \$6.30, \$1.50—\$7.80; J. S. Brent, \$19; J. Butcher, \$4.75; E. Carstens, \$680; Charles Davis, \$60; E. Davis, \$45; M. Day, \$20; John Dixon, \$3.50; Samuel Emery, \$216.75, \$77.50, \$32.25—\$326.50; W. W. Farr, \$6.17, \$1.50, \$2—\$9.67; N. B. Fugitt, \$38.03; B. D. Gallagher, \$23.78, \$20.06—\$43.84; Patrick Goines, \$51.70; R. B. Griffin, \$7.40; A. Hart, \$15; Peter Hazlip, \$12; R. Hofer, \$5; W. Jackson, \$54.57; James McGrundy, \$8.70; William McLean, \$65.06, \$24.64—\$89.70; S. A. H. Marks, \$3; Francis Miller, \$36.34; Charles Minor, \$9.50; Francis Mohun & Sons, \$18.62; W. J. Murtagh, \$28; National Union Insurance Company of Washington, \$30; George H. Paddon, \$50; C. H. Parker, \$75, \$16—\$91; John E. Rabbitt, \$10.25; W. W. Rapley, \$29.50; J. Richard Riggles, \$20.15; P. Robinson, \$6.75; William Robinson, \$75; William Rothwell, \$32.27; Joseph L. Savage, \$68.24, \$7.55—\$75.79; F. Schneider & Son, \$82.28; L. H. Schneider, \$79.95; William Schooler, \$7; E. Z. Steever, \$3.50, \$26—\$29.50; A. Tennant, \$44.95; Julius Veidt, \$58; Thomas A. Watson, \$4; Wheatley Bros., \$18.83; Washington Tribune, \$1.50. Total, \$3729.61.

Approved.

Mr. SMITH offered the following, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That the next annual examination of the Public Schools in the County shall occur during the month of April ; the particular day in each of the several districts to be determined by the Superintendent and the Trustee who has special supervision of the district.

Also the following:

Resolved, That the action of this Boaad at their meeting May 11, 1875, naming the new school building in Georgetown, The Georgetown Public School Building, be rescinded, and that the building be named the Curtis Public School Building.

Adopted unanimously.

Mr. RYDER offered the following:

Resolved. That additional water-closet accommodations be made at the Anthony Bowen School by connecting the closets with the sewer.

Referred to Sub-Board of the Seventh District.

Mr. RANDOLPH offered the following, which were adopted :

Resolved. That in the judgment of this Board a High School for the white Public Schools of this District has become necessary, in order to afford the graduates of our Grammar Schools the advantages of the higher training so generally enjoyed by the pupils of public schools in our large cities, and to a considerable extent already possessed by the colored Public Schools of this city.

Resolved, That the Committee on Legislation, in connection with the General Superintendent, be instructed to lay the subject before the Commissioners of the District, and to ask their co-operation in order to secure the necessary legislation by Congress.

Mr. BROWN offered the following:

Resolved, That this Board make no further efforts to represent the Public Schools of the District of Columbia at the Centennial Exposition, unless the Commissioners of the District appropriate necessary funds for the purpose.

Adopted.

rescinded p. 84; see also 31 and 129

Also:

Resolved, That Superintendent Wilson be directed to have a clock placed in the room in which this Board holds its meetings.

Agreed to.

Mr. BROOKS offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the action of the Sub-Board of the Seventh District in closing the Stevens School Building in consequence of the report of the Inspector of Public Buildings, that certain alterations should be made for the safety of the building and speedy egress of the children, be and the same is hereby approved, and they are hereby authorized to keep said

school building closed until the Committee on Property shall notify the said Sub-Board that all the necessary alterations for the safety of the building have been completed.

The Board then, on motion, adjourned.

REGULAR MEETING.

FRANKLIN SCHOOL BUILDING,

March 14, 1876.

The Board of Trustees of Public Schools in and for the District of Columbia, met on the above date. In the absence of the President the Secretary called the Board to order, and Mr. J. S. Brown was elected temporary Chairman; John H. Brooks, Secretary.

Present—Messrs. Champlin, Detrick, Dyer, French, Hovey, Johnson, Lloyd, Mitchell, Moffat, Packard, Randolph, Ryder, and Smith.

The reading of the Minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with, and they were approved as printed.

The following applications for teacher's positions in the Public Schools were received :

W. P. Montgomery, L. C. Camp, Dr. Henry Perabeau, Ewd. A. Paul, Henry Chandler, Clara Mott, Cyrenius C. Lowe.

Referred to Superintendent Wilson.

Colored Schools of Washington and Georgetown :

F. A. Barrier, Helena C. Fry, Virginia Herbert, Anna Over, Blandina D. Deitz, Anna E. Lee, Mary E. Williams, Anna Saunders, Alice F. Bradley, Victoria D. Shaw, Agnes Jones.

Referred to Superintendent Cook.

For the position of janitor :

Messrs. W. W. Fitzgerald and Clinton Vermillion.

Placed on file.

The following communications were received :

From Mr. Kimmel, complaining of action of teacher towards his son.

Referred to Sub-Board First District.

From William Syphax, appealing from the decision of the Sub-Board of the Seventh District, in the case of his daughter, attending Grammar School No. 1, Sumner School Building.

Referred to the Sub-Board of the Seventh District for report of all the facts.

From Joseph H. Jackson, transmitting preamble and resolutions of a mass meeting of colored citizens in reference to a bill introduced in the House of Representatives by the Hon. J. R. Lynch.

Ordered to be returned to the writer.

Mr. LLOYD presented the monthly reports of Teachers of Music.

Placed on file.

The SUPERINTENDENTS presented the following abstract of reports for February, 1876 :

	Washington.	George- town.	County.	Total.
1. Whole number of pupils enrolled :				
White.....	9,196	938	711	10,845
Colored.....	3,486	337	968	4,791
	12,682	1,275	1,679	15,636
2. Number of pupils on the rolls the last day of the month :				
White.....	8,994	916	678	10,558
Colored.....	3,289	336	898	4,523
	12,283	1,252	1,576	15,111
3. Average number of pupils in daily attendance :				
White.....	8,413	862	537	9,812
Colored.....	3,249	310	749	4,308
	11,662	1,172	1,286	14,120
4. Percentage of attendance :				
White.....	93.8	93.3	85.6	
Colored.....	97.8	95.5	87.3	
5. Number of teachers employed :				
White schools.....	165	19	16	200
Colored schools.....	83	7	17	107
	248	26	33	307
6. Number of cases of tardiness :				
White schools.....	367	137	...	503
Colored schools.....	54	4	...	58
	421	140	...	561
7. Number of cases of corporal punishment :				
White schools.....	13	11	16	40
Colored schools.....	19	4	27	50
	32	15	43	90
8. Number of pupils dismissed :				
White.....	19	1	..	20
Colored.....	7	3	..	10
	26	4	..	30

J. ORMOND WILSON,
GEO. F. T. COOK,
Superintendents.

Mr. RANDOLPH submitted the following :

March 14, 1876.

The Sub-Board of the Second District would report the resignation of Miss Mary O. Whitney, of Secondary No. 7, and of Mrs. C. H. Crosfield, *nee* Ellis, of Secondary No. 5; each to take effect April 1.

The following changes and appointments of teachers are proposed to take effect from the same date:

Promote Miss Mary L. Johnson from Primary No. 5 to Secondary No. 7, and Miss Mary B. Bartlett from Primary No. 19 to Secondary No. 5.

Appoint Miss Sallie A. Dalton to Primary No. 5, acting, and Miss Isabel V. Helmsen to Primary No. 19, acting.

Appoint Miss Kate Johnson as sub-assistant in the Female Grammar School, in place of Miss Helmsen.

The Sub-Board has given the requisite legal notice of the intention to vacate the rooms at present held on Pennsylvania avenue between Sixth and Seventh streets, and those in the Assembly's Presbyterian church, at the corner of I and Fifth streets, on after the 1st of April next.

It is the purpose of the Sub-Board to transfer the schools now occupying said tenements to the Abbot Building for the remainder of the present school-year.

JOHN RANDOLPH,
R. B. DETRICK,
Trustees Second District.

Approved.

Mr. PACKARD, from the Committee on Property, made the following report:

In relation to the proposition for awarding a special medal for the best kept school building, your Committee deem it inadvisable at this time to report a plan for the distribution of same, owing to the fact that over one-half of the school-year has already elapsed, and it appears to be necessary that all parties in interest should have notice at the beginning of the school-year.

Approved.

Also the following:

Referring to the communication of the County Sub-Board relative to the proposed new school-house near Tennallytown, your Committee have to recommend that the Commissioners of the District of Columbia be requested to purchase the site mentioned and cause the building to be commenced at an early day.

Approved.

Also the following:

Your Committee, to whom was referred the resolution offered by Trustee Hovey, respecting a schedule of salaries to be paid the janitors of the several school buildings, beg leave to report the same back to the Board without recommendation.

And offered the following:

Resolved, That the matter of compensation of janitors be referred to a

special committee, to be composed of one member from each District, who shall report a schedule to the Board at a special meeting, which shall be held Tuesday evening, March 21.

Agreed to.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Curtis, Hart, Detrick, Hovey, Lloyd, Packard, and Johnson as the special committee.

Also, recommendation of Superintendent Wilson, that the interior wood-work in Franklin School Building be repainted and grained.

Approved.

Mr. BROOKS, from the same committee, to whom was referred the recommendation of the Sub-Board of the Seventh District "that additional stairways be placed in the Stevens School Building," with power to act, have to report :

That the recommendations of the Sub-Board were approved, and the authority of the Honorable Commissioners was requested to have the work done, which was granted. Two stairways leading from the first to third floors, four feet six inches wide, of continuous rail and quarter flights, have been placed in the building. The Committee thoroughly examined the building as to its strength and the means of speedy and safe egress in case of a panic of the pupils, and also called in the opinion of experts, with which opinion they fully concur.

The Committee, in addition to the new double stairways placed in the building, caused to be erected a flight of stairs from the iron portico on the east side to the side-walk below, eight feet wide. The work was done under contract with Mr. Walter Jackson, at a cost of \$815, in fifteen consecutive working days. The Sub-Board of the Seventh District was informed upon the completion of the work, and the Schools were promptly re-opened.

Also, with the request that the Board approve the same, "a requisition from the Sub-Board of the Seventh District, for 80 Shattuck single desks No. 1, Grammar School; 10 Shattuck single desks No. 2; 30 Shattuck single desks No. 3; all with ink wells."

Approved.

Also submitted the plans and specifications for a new school building for colored children, at the intersection of Delaware avenue and First and I streets southwest, and ask the approval of the Board.

Approved and the Secretary ordered to present the same to the Honorable Commissioners and request their approval.

Mr. CHAMPLIN, from the Committee on Supplies and Accounts, reported the following bills, which were approved:

S. Yoke AtLee, \$100; John A. Baker, \$1.50; William Ballantyne, \$1,037.29; J. W. Barker, \$125, \$375, \$124.49—\$624.49; John Barry, \$89.97; Bartlett, Robbins & Co., \$1,438.18; D. W. Beveridge, \$47.40; A. Bouldin, \$80; Bright & Humphries, \$200; George H. Brooks, \$45; John Butcher, \$2.75; Mrs. M. M. Cameron, \$120; C. B. Church & Co., \$75, \$60—\$135;

P. L. Brooke, \$26.95; R. Beresford, \$45; G. W. Cissell, \$250; Samuel Cross, \$90; John Cephas, \$11.50; John W. Coon, James Y. Davis' Sons, \$90; William Dunn, \$75; Charles Davis, \$55; Eph. Davis, \$52.50; Samuel Emery, \$601.65, \$35.50—\$637.15; W. W. Farr, \$4.17, \$1.50, \$4.50—\$10.17; First Baptist Church, \$125; First Congregational Church, \$250; Nathaniel B. Fugitt, \$96.62; Z. D. Gilman, \$2.72; George F. Gulick, \$425; A. Hart, \$15; Hall & Hume, \$1.97; Walter Jackson, \$815; William Jackson, \$5; I. G. Kimball, treasurer, \$150; Noble D. Larner, \$425; Lutheran Chapel, \$60; Daniel Luther, \$3; McGill & Witherow, \$10, \$37.25—\$47.25; John C. McKelden, \$300; M. McIntyre, \$7; William McLean, \$28.26; Memorial Parish, \$120; F. Miller, \$952; Naval Lodge, \$125; T. A. Newman, trustee, \$75; Mrs. A. S. Parker, \$150; R. S. Parks, \$60; W. J. Rhees, \$200; R. J. Riggles, Treasurer, \$250; P. Robinson, \$6.50; William Rothwell, \$8.20; Joseph L. Savage, \$13.02, \$22.26, \$47, \$45.91—\$128.19; W. W. Rapley, \$20, \$46.90, \$19.50—\$86.40; Conrad Schaeffer, trustee, \$60; John Schnatz, \$100; L. H. Schnieder, \$16; Margaret Simms, \$1.50; C. B. Smith, \$6.35; S. S. Stearn, \$150; E. Z. Steever, \$16; Julius Strobel, \$9.60; Gassaway Taylor, \$4; Julius Viedt, \$30; Wall & Robinson, \$2.60; Washington Society of the New Jerusalem, \$125; Rev. C. I. White, \$250; G. L. Wild & Bro., \$2; O. C. Wight and H. J. Frost, \$55; W. M. Middleton, \$20. Total, \$10,092.24.

Mr. BROWN submitted the following proposed amendments of the By-Laws:

Amend Article I, Section 3, as follows:

Insert as ordinal X the words, "Resolutions for reference."

Change ordinals X and XI to XI and XII, respectively.

Add to the Section the following:

"All the ordinals of business except the last two shall be considered in the opening hour, during which no debate nor remarks shall be in order. But reports of Sub-Boards and resolutions presented for adoption by Committees may be acted on without debate when offered. All matters subject to debate or explanation coming before the Board during the opening hour shall lie on the table, to be taken up as new business; and all matters under new business shall be considered in the order in which they come before the Board, unless otherwise ordered by special vote of the Board.

"Upon all questions under consideration by the Board, every member shall be entitled to speak ten minutes, and the mover of a resolution shall be entitled to five minutes additional, in closing the debate, for the purpose of explanation or correcting erroneous statements. Additional time may be allowed any member upon request, by the unanimous consent of the members present."

Laid over, and referred to Committee on Rules.

Mr. PACKARD offered the following:

Resolved, That when the Board adjourn it shall adjourn to meet Tuesday evening, March 21, at 7.30 P. M.

Agreed to.

On motion, the Board then adjourned.

ADJOURNED MEETING.

FRANKLIN SCHOOL BUILDING,

March 21, 1876.

The Board of Trustees of Public Schools in and for the District of Columbia met on the above date, W. W. Curtis, Esq., in the chair. John H. Brooks, Secretary.

Present—Messrs. Champlin, Detrick, Dyer, Ferguson, French, Hovey, Johnson, Lloyd, Mitchell, Packard and Randolph.

The Chair stated that this was an adjourned meeting of the Board for the special purpose of considering the equalization of pay of janitors in the Public Schools.

Mr. PACKARD, from the Special Committee, submitted the following majority report, and moved its adoption:

WASHINGTON, March 21, 1876.

To the Board of School Trustees:

GENTLEMEN: Your Special Committee, to whom was referred the matter of equalizing and adjusting the salaries of janitors and sweeps, beg leave to report that they have duly and critically considered the subject, and respectfully submit the schedule herewith annexed, believing it to be as fair and impartial an apportionment as can be made. It is deemed advisable by the Committee to recommend that all janitors or sweeps, in addition to his or her duties of sweeping, dusting and making fires, shall, without additional compensation, be required, as often as is necessary in the judgment of the Principal of the District, to scrub the school-rooms, clean glass, and other duties necessary to the healthy occupation of the building.

A. HART, 1st Dist.,
R. B. DETRICK, 2d Dist.,
CHAS. E. HOVEY, 3d Dist.,
BEN. F. LLOYD, 4th Dist.,
W. W. CURTIS, 5th Dist.,
B. F. PACKARD, 6th Dist.

As to the work to be done:—The buildings are to be cleaned, warmed, and watched; and such incidental repairs are to be made by the janitors, when needed, as are usually required to be made by competent janitors.

For the purpose of ascertaining what allowance should be made for these services, three items have been specially considered:

1. Number of school rooms.

	Pay per month 10 months.			Charges for rent, fuel and lights.	Pay per school year.		Difference	
	Single isola- ted rooms.	2 or more rooms at one place.	Special.		Proposed.	Present.	Reduction.	Increase.
<i>Colored Schools:</i>								
John F. Cook		\$12	\$120		\$600	\$720	\$120	
Ninth between P and Q		4			160	240	80	
Third bet. L and N. Y. Ave		5			50	120	70	
Fourth and L	\$1	5			240	480	240	
Lovejoy		2			320	600	280	
Anthony Bowen	1				50	360	310	
" "		5			240	180	60	
Randall, (one janitor's house)		2			320	160	160	
Chamberlain								
Total					\$6,800	\$7,898	\$1,362	\$264
Net reduction on buildings heated by stoves						\$1,098		
Net reduction on buildings heated by steam						1,640		
Total						\$2,738		

Mr. JOHNSON submitted the following minority report from same Committee :

To the Board of Trustees of the Public Schools of the District of Columbia :

The minority respectfully dissents from the report of the majority, for the following reasons :

That the schedule submitted, so far as it relates to the uniformity of prices paid for the same labor in the several large school buildings heated by steam, is unfair and inequitable, as will be shown by the following figures :

Franklin, \$962, 16 rooms	\$5.01 per room.
Jefferson, \$1,077, 20 rooms	4.48 "
Wallach, \$782, 11 rooms	5.92 "
Seaton, \$762, 10 rooms	6.35 "
Curtis, \$742, 8 rooms	7.72 "
Abbott, \$642, 9 rooms	5.94 "
Cranch, \$600, 6 rooms	8.33 "
McCormick, \$225, 4 rooms	4.68 "
Sumner, \$832, 12 rooms	5.77 "
Stevens, \$980, 14 rooms	5.83 "
Lincoln, \$762, 10 rooms	6.35 "

It will be observed that the amount paid per room, Jefferson Building, the largest in school accommodations (20 rooms), and representing a property valuation of over \$160,000, is less by \$3.85 than that paid in the Cranch Building, containing only six rooms, with a property value of only \$28,000. A like comparison can be made between the Franklin and Curtis Buildings : for the former, with 16 rooms, representing a property valuation of \$222,000, \$5 per room is paid : while for the latter, with 8 rooms, representing about one-half the property value, \$7.72 per room is paid.

The minority also dissents because of the further inequality when applied to the Seventh District, which includes the schools for colored children in

the cities of Washington and Georgetown, for the reason that no additional expense is incurred in those schools by the employment of a mechanical janitor at large, at a salary of \$1,200, most repairs now made by him in the First, Second, Third and Fourth Districts, being made by the janitors of the respective buildings of the Seventh District, without additional compensation.

The minority favors an equalization of salaries of janitors where the circumstances admit of the same, and favors retrenchment when not detrimental to the public interest; and so far as the facts allow, cheerfully agrees with the majority upon these points, but is not prepared to agree to the schedule of salaries submitted, or the principles upon which it is based, as it establishes inequality and not equality of pay.

Upon this question the organization of the schools in the Seventh District should be considered, in order to do justice to the subject.

In the opinion of the minority sufficient time was not taken by the Committee to fully consider the subject; and we respectfully recommend that the whole subject be recommitted, with instructions to report at the next regular meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY JOHNSON.

Mr. JOHNSON moved the adoption of the minority as a substitute for the majority report.

Lost.

Mr. MITCHELL moved, as an amendment to the majority report, that so much of said report as charged for janitors' quarters in the Lincoln School Building be stricken out.

Agreed to by the following vote:

Affirmative—Messrs. Brooks, Champlin, Curtis, Detrick, Dyer, Ferguson, French, Johnson, Lloyd, Mitchell—10.

Negative—Mr. Packard—1. Not voting—Mr. Hovey.

The question then recurred on the motion of Mr. Packard for the adoption of the majority report, with the schedule of salaries.

Adopted.

Those who voted in the affirmative were—Messrs. Champlin, Curtis, Detrick, Dyer, French, Hovey, Lloyd, Mitchell, Packard—9.

Negative—Messrs. Brooks, Ferguson, Johnson—3.

The Secretary was requested to present in full the report of the Committee, and furnish the Honorable Commissioners with the original.

Mr. DETRICK offered the following:

Resolved, That the janitor of the Franklin School Building shall be paid a compensation of \$200 per annum for his services as messenger to the Superintendent and Board of Trustees. And that the janitor of the Sumner School Building shall in like manner be allowed a compensation of \$150 for his services as messenger to the Superintendent of Colored Schools and the Sub-Board of the Seventh District. That the sums named herein shall be in addition to their salaries as janitors.

Adopted.

On motion, the Board then adjourned.

REGULAR MEETING.

FRANKLIN SCHOOL BUILDING,
April 11, 1876.

The Board of Trustees of Public Schools in and for the District of Columbia met on the above date, W. W. Curtis in the chair, John H. Brooks, Secretary.

The Secretary announced the presence of Dr. Robert Reyburn, appointed trustee *vice* Hart, resigned.

Present : Messrs. Brown, Champlin, Detrick, Dyer, French, Ferguson, Hovey, Johnson, Lloyd, Packard, Randolph, Reyburn, Ryder and Smith.

The reading of the Minutes was dispensed with, and they were approved as printed.

Mr. RANDOLPH offered the following :

Resolved. That only official communications from the Commissioners of the District, or regular petitions, be read in full, and all other communications be read by their captions and laid over.

Agreed to.

The Secretary presented the following communication :

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONERS
OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,
Washington, March 15, 1876.

Ordered. The attention of all officers and employees of the District of Columbia is hereby called to Section 2 of Joint Resolution approved March 14, 1876, as follows :

“That there shall be no increase of the present amount of the total indebtedness of the District of Columbia, and any officer or person who shall knowingly increase, or aid and abet in increasing such total indebtedness, shall be deemed guilty of a high misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof shall be punished by imprisonment not exceeding ten years, and by fine not exceeding \$1,000.”

All said officers and employees are strictly enjoined to the faithful and literal observance of said enactment, and are directed, in respect of their several offices and duties, to take all measures and precaution necessary or expedient for such strict and literal observance of the law.

Official copy furnished for the information and guidance of Board of Trustees Public Schools, District of Columbia.

By order :

WM. TINDALL,
Secretary.

Placed on file.

Also the following :

WASHINGTON, D. C.,
April 4, 1876.

The Honorable the Trustees of Public Schools.

GENTLEMEN: Congress by Joint Resolution having declared the 14th day of April, 1876, to be a holiday, I have the honor on behalf of the National Committee of Arrangements, and in the name of the colored people of the United States, to extend to you a most cordial invitation to be present at the inauguration ceremonies of Lincoln statue, which will be unveiled in "Lincoln Park," in this city, at 1 o'clock P. M. on that day.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN M. LANGSTON,
Chairman of Committee.

On motion of Mr. Brooks, the invitation was accepted and the Secretary instructed to inform Mr. Langston.

Applications for teacher's positions in the Public Schools were received from Messrs. Berton M. Crocker, Milton C. Dent, O. C. Crawford, Misses Ida Armstrong, A. C. Lammond, Susie E. Eastman and Mira A. Prime.

Referred to Superintendent Wilson.

Mr. LLOYD presented the reports of the teachers of music for the month of March, 1876:

Placed on file.

The Superintendents submitted the following abstract of reports for March, 1876:

	Washington.	George- town.	County.	Total.
1. Whole number of pupils enrolled:				
White.....	9,169	933	705	10,807
Colored.....	4,127	341	947	5,415
	13,296	1,274	1,652	16,222
2. Number of pupils on the rolls the last day of the month:				
White.....	8,871	902	668	10,441
Colored.....	3,929	331	866	5,126
	12,800	1,233	1,534	15,567
3. Average number of pupils in daily attendance:				
White.....	8,343	837	545	9,725
Colored.....	3,795	332	709	4,836
	12,138	1,169	1,254	14,561
4. Percentage of attendance:				
White.....	93.4	93.5	86.7	
Colored.....	97.5	98.1	86.1	
5. Number of teachers employed:				
White schools.....	165	19	16	200
Colored schools.....	83	7	17	107
	248	26	33	307
6. Number of cases of tardiness:				
White schools.....	294	118	...	412
Colored schools.....	46	7	...	53
	340	125	.	465

	Washington.	George-town.	County.	Total.
7. Number of cases of corporal punishment :				
White schools	17	8	18	43
Colored schools	30	4	20	54
	<hr/> 47	<hr/> 12	<hr/> 38	<hr/> 97
8. Number of pupils dismissed :				
White	15	...	...	15
Colored	22	3	...	25
	<hr/> 37	<hr/> 3	<hr/> ...	<hr/> 40

J. ORMOND WILSON,
GEO. F. T. COOK,
Superintendents.

Mr. JOHNSON submitted the following :

To the Board of Trustees of Public Schools.

GENTLEMEN : The Sub-Board of the Seventh District has the honor to report that it has submitted all the papers bearing upon the complaint of Mr. Wm. Syphax. As the question was wholly one of discipline, its settlement devolved upon the Sub-Board. It is of that class described by Superintendent Carne, of Alexandria, Va., in his report of Public Schools of that city for 1875. in which, speaking of the Colored Schools, he says : "When the present school system went into operation a large number of colored boys and girls entered apparently because it was the fashion, but when they found that the rules were stringent, and that attendance and study were to be enforced, they came no more. Certain persons, too, who desired to obtain control of the Colored Schools, were active in creating dissatisfaction, and a number of our colored people desired a change of teachers. A careful examination of the matter, however, convinced me that most of the complaint arose from a rigid enforcement of the regulations, and that unless we allowed pupils to attend or not, behave or not, and study or not, as they pleased, no change we could make would be satisfactory. The colored teachers are generally very well qualified, and, as will be seen, the prejudice against them is being gradually overcome, and the colored people are slowly learning that without discipline there can be no education."

Respectfully,

HENRY JOHNSON,
JOHN H. BROOKS,
W. P. RYDER,
J. H. FERGUSON,
Sub-Board.

Mr. HOVEY moved the appointment of a special committee of three, to whom all the papers and reports should be referred.

Mr. BROWN offered the following as a substitute :

Resolved, That the report of the Sub-Board of the Seventh District upon the matter submitted by Wm. Syphax to this board, be approved, and its action sustained.

Adopted.

Mr. FRENCH, from the Committee on Examinations and Prizes, respectfully reported:

That after due consideration they have decided to recommend for adoption, in all essential particulars, the method pursued last year in the examinations of the Schools this year. The Committee has had under consideration so much of the resolution reported by the Committee on Rules October 12, 1875, as was referred to this Committee, which reads as follows: "But such reviewers shall not be allowed to compete a second time for the highest honors of the School, nor for the prizes offered by the District Government;" and are of opinion that it is inexpedient to adopt such a rule; that it would be unjust to those pupils who have spent almost the entire year in study, with the reasonable expectation that they might be called on to compete for honors and prizes, as well as unjust to those younger pupils who have been forced into the Grammar Schools a year, and in some cases two years, sooner than is desirable, by the pressure of numbers in the lower grades.

The Committee has also considered the resolutions offered by the member from the Third District, and referred to this Committee, in regard to special contests; and in view of the additional labor already imposed on the pupils in preparing for the Centennial, as well as of the fact that the duties of the Committee, and others who are called on to assist, are already arduous, are of opinion that it is not best to make any change at this time. A programme for the Annual Examinations is presented herewith.

E. F. FRENCH,
R. B. DETRICK,
C. B. SMITH,
HENRY JOHNSON,
Committee.

Mr. RANDOLPH offered the following amendments to the report, which were adopted:

Resolved, That the reviewers in any Grammar School who have been more than three years in attendance thereat shall not be allowed to compete a second time for the highest honor of the School.

Resolved, That the annual competitive spelling contests in schools above the seventh grade be hereby discontinued.

Mr. CHAMPLIN, from the Committee on Supplies and Accounts, submitted the following bills for approval of the Board:

Ellen Bailey, \$3.50; William Ballantyne, \$370.06, \$189.91—\$559.97; H. Becket, \$15; Robert Boyd, \$10.08; John H. Brown, \$150; John Butler, \$3.50; Charles Davis, \$53.75; Eph. Davis, \$50; J. F. Ellis & Co., \$50; Samuel Emery, \$670.37, \$177.25—\$847.62; W. W. Farr, \$15.67; N. Fugitt, \$58.57; B. D. Gallagher, \$39.99; Z. D. Gilman, \$2.60; H. I. Gregory, \$2.50; A. Hart, \$50; C. Lindiman, \$12.50; G. W. McKnight, \$245.92; J. L. Matthews, \$8; *National Republican*, \$5; W. W. Rapley, \$24.50, \$25—\$49.50; F. F. Robinson, \$7; J. L. Savage, \$11.86; Martha Williams, \$3.50; W. Choate & Co., \$56.33, \$11.25, \$63.59—\$131.17; James McGill, \$6.75; W. H. Hanover, \$50.20, \$17—\$67.20; John Barry, \$23.10; George Willner, \$22.25; W. J. Murtagh, \$31; Charles Miner, \$5; Patrick Goines, \$11. Total, \$2,553.50.

Approved.

Also the following communication:

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 5, 1876.

EDWARD CHAMPLIN, Esq.,

Chairman Committee on Supplies and Accounts.

DEAR SIR: I beg to hand you with this the amount of money in my possession from the last public school performance.

As per arrangements of the Committee on Music, there is \$46.20 for the First District; \$60.50 for the Second District, and \$24.80 for the Third District. The amount coming to the Fourth District (\$32.10) was called for by Mr. B. F. Lloyd and paid to him some time ago.

There being an old balance of \$3.25 belonging to the First District in my possession yet, the whole amount herewith transmitted for the First District is \$49.45.

Very respectfully yours,

A. HART.

Placed on file and money paid to Chairman Committee on Music.

Mr. DETRICK offered the following:

Resolved, That in the judgment of the Board the use of Cornell's Geographies in the Public Schools fails to secure satisfactory results in that study, and is not approved by a large number of the teachers.

Mr. HOVEY offered the following as a substitute:

WHEREAS, The course of study in geography, as at present prescribed, seems to have been diluted or spread out to accommodate itself to the text-books on that subject now in use in the Public Schools of this District, consisting of *three* volumes prepared by Miss Cornell, and *one* volume prepared by Mr. Apgar, thereby subjecting parents to the expense of buying *four* separate books for each pupil on this single subject of geography at an aggregate cost of \$4.75; and

Whereas, It is desirable to reduce the number of text-books on geography required in the course of study, if it can be done without detriment to the efficiency of instruction in that branch, and thereby to relieve parents, in part, of this tax for geographies; therefore,

Resolved, That the Committee on Text-Books be requested to inform this Board 1. Whether any modification of the course of study in geography requiring the use of text-books on the part of the pupils can properly be made which shall confine it within narrower limits, and, if so, what modification? 2. Whether there are text-books now available which contain in a single volume, or, at most, in two volumes, all the matters and things which ought to be contained in a text-book on geography for the Public Schools of this District; and, if so, what are these text-books, their character and cost?

Resolved, That said Committee be also requested to include in their report similar information as to the course of study and text-books in arithmetic.

Resolved, That the Committee on Text-Books be hereby directed to make inquiry and report in writing at the next stated meeting of the Board whether the trustees of any district have within a year made any changes in text-books, other than those ordered by this Board, and without its knowledge and consent.

Resolved, That said Committee also report at said meeting a list of the publishers of the several text-books now in use in the Public Schools in this District.

Adopted and referred to Committee on Text-Books.

Mr. DETRICK, from the Special Committee appointed to investigate the matter of arrears of pay due Miss Susan R. Le Bosquet, formerly a teacher in the First District, (\$183.34.) reported that shortly after the appointment of the Committee the balance due her was handed to the Committee by the late Treasurer of the Board, William L. Cowan, and promptly transmitted to her by the Chairman.

The Committee further report that the accounts of the late Treasurer have not yet been audited, and recommend that steps be taken to have said accounts examined and adjusted by the Auditor of the District of Columbia, and that a copy of this report be transmitted to the Honorable Commissioners.

R. B. DETRICK,
GEORGE W. DYER,
CHARLES E. HOVEY.

Adopted.

Mr. HOVEY offered the following:

WHEREAS, Some diversity exists in the organization and internal management of the Public Schools of this District, and in the pay and qualifications of the teachers employed, owing, no doubt, to the diversity of laws under which these several schools have come into being and operation—the schools for white children, in the cities of Washington and Georgetown, having grown up under municipal law and control, and the schools for colored children in the same cities, and for white and colored children in the county *outside* of these cities, having grown up under laws of Congress; and

Whereas, Some diversity also exists in the pay of teachers employed in different grades of schools, in the same organization or system; and

Whereas, The number of male teachers employed is but a very small fraction of the whole number of teachers employed in the Public Schools; therefore,

Resolved, That the Committees on Teachers be, and they are hereby, requested to take into consideration the matters hereinbefore referred to, and report to this Board, at its next regular meeting in June—

1. A brief statement of the organization and manner of conducting and supervising the schools for white children in the cities of Washington and Georgetown, the schools for colored children in the same cities, and the schools for white and colored children *outside* of said cities, setting forth, particularly, wherein there is variance. This statement to be accompanied by such suggestions and recommendations as the committees shall deem advisable.

2. Whether it is desirable to recommend the employment of more male teachers than are now employed; and if so, how many more, and what schools should they be assigned to.

3. Whether it is expedient to require equal qualifications of all teachers in like grades or classes; and if so, whether the examination of all teachers should not be devolved upon a single committee.

4. Whether it is expedient to recommend a revision of the salaries of teachers, to take effect at the beginning of the next school year, with a view to greater fairness, equality, and economy; and if so, to report a schedule showing what the revised salaries should be.

Agreed to, and referred to Committees on Teachers.

Also the following:

Resolved, That the Committee on Property be requested to inspect all the janitors' quarters in the Public School Buildings of the District, and report to this Board, in detail, their extent and condition, together with estimates for their repair or enlargement, if in any case or cases the same shall be deemed necessary and practicable. And also whether in any case or cases an abatement of the proposed "charge," or any part thereof, for fuel, light, and rent, as set forth in the report of the Special Committee on Pay of Janitors, should be made; and if so, whether the whole, or a part, should be abated, and the reasons therefor.

Resolved, That the action of this Board, at its late special meeting, amending the report of the Special Committee on Janitors' Pay so as to relieve the janitor of the Lincoln Building from any charge for rent, fuel, and light, be rescinded.

On motion a vote was taken on the first resolution, which was adopted.

The yeas and nays were demanded on the second resolution, which was rejected by the following vote:

Affirmative—Messrs. Hovey, Packard—2.

Negative—Messrs. Brown, Brooks, Champlin, Curtis, Detrick, Dyer, French, Johnson, Lloyd, Randolph, Reyburn, Ryder, Smith—13.

Mr. BROWN offered the following:

Resolved, That the resolution heretofore adopted by this Board, "That no further effort be made toward a representation of the Public Schools of the District of Columbia at the Centennial Exhibition," be hereby rescinded.

Agreed to.

Mr. FRENCH offered the following:

Resolved, That the name of Dr. Reyburn be placed on all committees where vacancies occur, occasioned by the resignation of Mr. Hart.

Agreed to.

Mr. DETRICK offered the following, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That twenty dollars be added to the compensation of janitor of the Seaton Building, fixed at the last meeting of this Board, to correct error in report of the Special Committee, there being two boilers instead of one.

Adopted.

On motion, adjourned.

REGULAR MEETING

FRANKLIN SCHOOL BUILDING,

May 2, 1876.

The Board of Trustees of Public Schools in and for the District of Columbia met on the above date.

Present : Messrs. Brooks, Champlin, Dyer, French, Johnson, Lloyd, Mitchell, Packard, Randolph, Reyburn, Ryder, and Smith.

The Secretary in the absence of the President called the Board to order, and Mr. Randolph was elected temporary President.

The reading of the Minutes was dispensed with, and they were approved as printed.

The following communication from the Commissioners of the District of Columbia was received and placed on file :

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONERS

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,

WASHINGTON, April 27, 1876.

To the Board of School Trustees, D. C.

GENTLEMEN : I am directed to notify you that your recommendation of the 6th instant, for the equalization of the pay of Janitors employed in the Public Schools, is approved, to take effect from the end of the present year.

Very respectfully,

WM. TINDALL, *Secretary*.

Also the following :

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES,

May 2, 1876.

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the District of Columbia be directed to inform the Senate whether the standard of qualification of teachers, text-books, and mode of punishment of pupils, rules, regulations, and general supervision of white and colored schools are the same in this District ; and if any discrimination exist in the management of said schools, or in the respects aforesaid, that they inform the Senate in what such differences consist and the reasons therefor.

Attest :

(Signed)

GEO. C. GORHAM, *Secretary*.

With the following indorsement :

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONERS

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,

WASHINGTON, May 2, 1876.

Respectfully referred to the President Board of Trustees of Public Schools, with request that he make an early report respecting the points covered by this resolution.

By order :

WM. TINDALL, *Secretary*.

Mr. RANDOLPH submitted the following :

Resolved, That the following answer be returned to Hon. Commissioners of this District in response to the resolution adopted by the Senate of the United States, May 2, 1876, and referred by said Commissioners to this Board for report, to wit :

To the Hon. Commissioners of the District of Columbia :

The Board of Trustees of the Public Schools, in response to the resolution of the Senate of the United States adopted May 2, 1876, would respectfully represent that the standard of qualification of teachers, mode of punishment of pupils, rules, regulations, and general supervision of white and colored schools are the same, and the text-books are substantially the same in every part of this District ; that no discrimination exists in the management of said schools ; but that the endeavor of this Board has been, and is, to equalize the administration of the several schools under its care.

Resolved, That a transcript of this reply of the Board, signed by the President and attested by the Secretary, be transmitted to the Hon. Commissioners aforesaid.

Agreed to unanimously.

Mr. REYBURN submitted the following :

Resolved, That a committee of four be appointed to wait upon Senator Edmunds with reference to the conduct and management of the Public Schools of the District of Columbia.

Agreed to: and the Chair announced as the committee, Messrs. Randolph, Johnson, Reyburn, and Packard.

Also, a communication from William Syphax, and request for investigation into alleged abuses.

On motion of Mr. JOHNSON the charges were referred to a special committee of three ; and the Chair announced as the committee, Messrs. Champlin, Reyburn, and Dyer.

Applications for position of teacher were received from Miss Cynthia D. Rockwell, Emilie Oppman, Louisa Turner, Cincinnati, Ohio ; A. J. Umholtz, Greenville, Pennsylvania.

Referred to Superintendent Wilson.

Mr. JOHNSON presented the resignation of Miss Narcissa George as a teacher in the Colored Schools.

Accepted.

The Superintendents presented the following abstract of reports for the month of April, 1876 :

	Washington.	Georgetown.	County.	Total.
1. Whole number of pupils enrolled :				
White.....	8,836	918	723	10,477
Colored.....	3,994	349	926	5,269
	<hr/> 12,830	<hr/> 1,267	<hr/> 1,649	<hr/> 15,746

	Washington.	George- town.	County.	Total.
2. Number of pupils on the rolls the last day of the month:				
White.....	8,841	913	672	10,426
Colored.....	3,890	325	868	5,083
	<hr/> 12,731	<hr/> 1,238	<hr/> 1,540	<hr/> 15,509
3. Average number of pupils in daily attendance:				
White.....	8,441	884	547	9,872
Colored.....	3,795	330	714	4,839
	<hr/> 12,236	<hr/> 1,214	<hr/> 1,261	<hr/> 14,711
4. Percentage of attendance:				
White.....	94.6	95.3	87.0	
Colored.....	97.9	97.7	86.7	
5. Number of teachers employed:				
White schools.....	165	19	16	200
Colored schools.....	83	7	17	107
	<hr/> 248	<hr/> 26	<hr/> 33	<hr/> 307
6. Number of cases of tardiness:				
White schools.....	345	73	.....	418
Colored schools.....	34	2	.....	36
	<hr/> 379	<hr/> 75	<hr/>	<hr/> 454
7. Number of cases of corporal punishment:				
White schools.....	8	9	5	22
Colored schools.....	30	2	17	49
	<hr/> 38	<hr/> 11	<hr/> 22	<hr/> 71
8. Number of pupils dismissed:				
White.....	10	2	.....	12
Colored.....	19	1	.....	20
	<hr/> 29	<hr/> 3	<hr/>	<hr/> 32

J. ORMOND WILSON,
GEO. F. T. COOK,
Superintendents.

Mr. CHAMPLIN, from the Committee on Supplies and Accounts, submitted the following bills for approval:

Wm. Ballantyne, \$570.93, \$640.14—\$1,211.07; H. Beckett, \$62.50; D. A. Berry, \$3; Jonas Cooper, \$29.16; R. Beresford, \$57.82; J. H. Brooks, \$18.75; Charles Davis, \$62.50; Eph. Davis, \$39.25; Manuel Day, \$4; W. W. Farr, \$1.50, \$7.17—\$8.67; Samuel Emery, \$393.27, \$124.88—\$518.15; N. B. Fugitt, \$188.68; B. D. Gallagher, \$30.75; E. H. Gilman, \$17.89, 90c.—\$18.79; Gray & Noyes, \$70.75; Hall & Hume, \$7.40; W. H. Harrover, \$142.68; M. C. Huddleston, \$13.08; Henry Jackson, \$15; Geo. E. Kirk, \$52; Charles Lindiman, \$62.50; Daniel Luther, \$3.50; McGill & Witherow, \$4; J. W. McKnight, \$57.50; Geo. Matthews, \$5.50; Odorless Excavating Apparatus Company, \$182, \$112, \$37, \$31—\$362; C.

H. Parker, \$10; W. W. Rapley, 65c.; Wm. Reapsomer, \$2.80; F. T. Roberson, \$2.50; Jos. L. Savage, \$43.87, \$75.96—\$119.83; S. S. Stearns, \$10; E. Z. Steever, \$16.50; R. Stone, \$62.50; Wall & Robinson, 60c.; E. M. Whitaker, (successor to Warren Choate & Co.,) \$6.50; J. A. Whitcomb, \$4.20; John B. Wilson, \$250; Wm. M. Middleton, \$48.90. Total, \$3,586.96.

Approved.

Mr. JOHNSON, from the Committee on Teachers, submitted the following:

COLORED SCHOOLS OF WASHINGTON AND GEORGETOWN,
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 9, 1876.

To the Board of Trustees of Public Schools in and for the District of Columbia.

GENTLEMEN: The Committee on Teachers for the Colored Schools of Washington and Georgetown, in pursuance of a notice given, having held, April 1, 1876, an examination of applicants for teachership, recommend that certificates to teach in said schools be given to the following successful candidates: Misses E. F. Merritt, E. W. Somerville, A. M. Lane, Amanda R. Bowen, S. J. Jones, F. Z. Bradford, J. E. Kelly, H. C. Fry, and B. D. Deitz.

HENRY JOHNSON,
JOHN H. BROOKS,
WM. P. RYDER,
Committee on Teachers.

Approved.

Mr. CHAMPLIN submitted the following amendment:

Amend sec. 2 of art. 5 of the by-laws of the Board, as follows: After the word "Board," in the seventh line of sec. 2, insert the following: "and shall make nominations of teachers at the end of each school year, and at other times as vacancies occur."

Laid over under the rules.

On motion, adjourned.

REGULAR MEETING.

FRANKLIN SCHOOL BUILDING,
June 13, 1876.

The Board of Trustees of Public Schools in and for the District of Columbia met on the above date: the President being absent. Mr. J. S. Brown was elected President *pro tem.*, Mr. John H. Brooks, Secretary.

Present: Messrs. Brown, Brooke, Brooks, Champlin, Detrick, Ferguson, French, Hovey, Johnson, Moffat, Packard, Randolph, Ryder, Smith, and Reyburn.

The Commissioners of the District of Columbia returned all their papers in the Augusta case, and requested a report. Referred to chairman of the sub-board of the Seventh District.

The following communication was received :

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONERS
OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,
WASHINGTON, May 27, 1876.

ORDERED: That all requisitions for repairs, or for materials not purchased under contract, at a fixed price, shall be accompanied by an estimate of cost of the proposed repairs, or of the material to be purchased.

Official copy furnished for information of the Board of Trustees of the Public Schools of the District of Columbia.

WM. TINDALL,
Secretary.

Referred to Committee on Property.

Applications for position of teacher were received from Messrs. S. D. Caldwell, F. J. Bright, E. D. Harrington, Mrs. Julia A. Willard, Eliza S. Talcott, Emma J. Woodward, Esther E. Witmer, Mary Sherer, Percie A. Trowbridge.

Referred to Superintendent Wilson.

Also, from Eliza M. Murry and Fanny V. Camp.

Referred to Superintendent Cook.

The Superintendents submitted the following abstract of reports for May, 1876 :

	Washington.	George- town.	County.	Total
1. Whole number of pupils enrolled :				
White.....	8,909	916	716	10,541
Colored	3,974	337	900	5,211
	<hr/> 12,883	<hr/> 1,253	<hr/> 1,616	<hr/> 15,752
2. Number of pupils on the rolls the last day of the month :				
White.....	8,453	874	668	9,995
Colored	3,784	303	822	4,909
	<hr/> 12,237	<hr/> 1,177	<hr/> 1,490	<hr/> 14,904
3. Average number of pupils in daily attendance :				
White.....	8,236	859	552	9,647
Colored	3,738	307	676	4,721
	<hr/> 11,974	<hr/> 1,166	<hr/> 1,228	<hr/> 14,368
4. Percentage of attendance :				
White.....	95.0	95.4	85.3	
Colored	98.3	98.1	85.0	
5. Number of teachers employed:				
White schools.....	165	19	16	200
Colored schools.....	83	7	17	107
	<hr/> 248	<hr/> 26	<hr/> 33	<hr/> 307

	Washington.	George- town.	County.	Total
6. Number of cases of tardiness :	283	110	.....	393
White schools.....	40	6	.....	46
Colored schools.....	323	116	.....	439
7. Number of cases of corporal punishment :	15	9	15	39
White schools.....	31	6	17	54
Colored schools.....	46	15	32	93
8. Number of pupils dismissed :	15	3	.....	18
White.....	9	7	.....	16
Colored.....	24	10	.....	34

J. ORMOND WILSON,
GEO. F. T. COOK,
Superintendents.

Placed on file.

Superintendent WILSON presented his fifth annual report of the statistics, condition and prospects of the Public Schools, supervised by him.

Referred to Committee on Annual Report.

Mr. FRENCH offered the following, which was adopted :

Resolved, That by the authority of the honorable Commissioners of the District of Columbia, the Committee on Annual Report be directed to have printed for the use of the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, and the Board of Trustees of Public Schools, two thousand copies of the Annual Report of the Public Schools of the District of Columbia for 1874-75.

Mr. PACKARD presented a petition of the citizens of the Seventh District, (County,) asking for additional school accommodations. Approved by the Sub-Board of the County, and referred to the General Board, with recommendation that an additional room, of sufficient size, be built to the present building. Referred to Committee on Property.

Mr. RANDOLPH submitted the following :

June 13, 1876.

The Committee on Teachers for the White Schools of Washington and Georgetown, report that, pursuant to notice duly given, an examination of candidates for promotion and appointment as teachers was held at the Franklin Building, May 27.

Seventeen candidates were present.

The committee recommend that the following certificates be granted by the Board : For a Grammar School, Milton C. Dent ; for an Intermediate School, Lillie C. Camp ; for a Secondary School, Mary E. Trask and Cornelia O. Lazenby ; for a Primary School, Emma J. Woodward.

The committee submit the annexed communication from the Superintendent, and recommend that the graduates of the Normal School therein named be granted a diploma, in pursuance of rule 7, relative to the said Normal School.

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS,
FRANKLIN BUILDING,
WASHINGTON, D. C., *June, 13, 1876.*

JOHN RANDOLPH Esq.,
Chairman Committee on Normal School and Teachers.

DEAR SIR: The following named graduates from the Washington Normal School, having taught in the Public Schools of Washington one year, and, in my judgment, having given evidence of ability to govern and instruct a school, I beg leave to recommend that the diploma of the Normal School be conferred upon them: Sarah Bartlett, Mary Witman Burchard, Sallie Small Childs, Mary Katharine Garst, Olivia Hambly, Florence Hinton, Nellie Mary Mack, Julia Ida Murray, Helen E. Ralph, Kate Reyburn, Effie Rodier, Helene Ida Schimmelfennig, Annie Morrow Wilson, Kate Adela Wilson.

Respectfully submitted.

J. ORMOND WILSON,
Superintendent.

Mr. DETRICK, from the Committee on Property, reported as follows:

The Committee on Property, pursuant to instruction contained in a resolution of this Board passed at the stated meeting held in April last, have inspected the Janitor's quarters in the Public School Buildings, and, with a few exceptions, find them in good condition and well adapted to the uses intended.

Among the exceptions are the quarters at the Wallach Building, which consist of three rooms, occupying altogether a space of about 26 by 32 feet, ample in extent, but very damp and gloomy, being almost wholly below the surface of the ground adjacent to the walls of the building outside. These rooms are unfit for the residence of the Janitor's family, and no rent should be charged for them while in their present condition.

In the judgment of the committee these quarters can be made habitable by removing the earth adjacent to the building on the southwest corner to the depth of several feet, and by making an area next to the basement wall on this part of the building not less than four feet in width, carried down to a depth below the floor of the rooms.

An estimate of the cost of this improvement, including a door in the basement wall, concreting floor, plastering, &c., is submitted herewith.

At the Lincoln Building, the committee find one room 16 by 18 feet in extent, (at present used for storage purposes,) and not sufficient of itself for a family residence; but, in the opinion of the committee, good quarters can be made in this building by adding to this room a portion of the play-room adjacent to it on the south, and by cutting a door-way through the basement wall on the west side. Estimates of the cost are herewith submitted.

R. B. DETRICK,
E. CHAMPLIN,
JOHN H. BROOKS,
B. F. PACKARD,

Committee on Property.

Estimate for work to be done at Wallach School, for two rooms 12½ by 15 feet, for Janitor's quarters:

Carpenter work and material.....	\$158 50
Plastering.....	41 00
Concreting floor.....	28 00
Brick work and material.....	137 50
Grading and excavating.....	78 50
Painting and oiling.....	35 00
Total.....	<u>\$478 50</u>

GEORGE H. LOVELESS,
Mechanical Janitor.

Estimate for work to be done at Lincoln School House, for two rooms 12½ by 16 feet, for Janitor's quarters:

Carpenter work and material.....	\$106 50
Brick, stone work and material.....	56 00
Excavating area.....	10 00
Painting and oiling.....	22 00
Plastering.....	24 00
Total.....	<u>\$218 50</u>

GEORGE H. LOVELESS,
Mechanical Janitor.

Laid over for consideration.

Mr. CHAMPLIN, from the Committee on Supplies and Accounts, submitted the following bills for approval; which were approved:

G. Y. AtLee, \$55; W. Y. AtLee, \$6; Wm. Ballantyne, \$357.82, \$54.67—\$412.49; J. D. Baltimore, \$5.70; J. W. Barker, \$125, \$375—\$500; Thos. C. Basshor & Co., \$6; H. Beckett, \$70; R. Beresford, \$16.50, \$55.50, \$128.90—\$200.90; A. Boulden, agt., \$80; Robt. Boyd, \$7.62; J. S. Brent, \$13; Bright & Humphreys, \$200; Geo. H. Brooks, \$45; Buckey & Marbury, \$25, \$30.85—\$55.85; Mrs. Mary M. Cameron, \$120; N. P. Causin, \$50; C. B. Church & Co., \$75, \$60—\$135; Geo. W. Cissel, \$250; W. Daniels, \$56.50; Chas. Davis, \$70; Eph. Davis, \$7.50; Jas. Y. Davis, \$31.98; W. W. Farr, \$4.17; First Baptist Church, \$125; N. B. Fugitt, \$176.20; Alex. Gardner, \$50; Z. D. Gilman, \$9.54; John A. Grey, \$12; Lizzie Green, \$2; H. I. Gregory, \$5; Virginia Griffith, \$3.90; Geo. F. Gulick, \$425; Hanson & Blackford, \$54.80; A. Hart, \$50; R. Hofer, \$12.10; Wm. R. Hooper, Treasurer, \$250; Geo. E. Kirk, \$27.38; C. D. Klakring, \$30; Noble D. Larner, \$425; Charles Lindenmann, \$71.25; Daniel Luther, \$10, \$3.50—\$13.50; Lutheran Chapel, \$60; McGill & Withrow, \$26, \$25, \$11.25—\$62.25; M. McIntyre, \$8; J. C. McKelden, \$300; Geo. Mathews, \$4; Memorial Parish, \$120; Naval Lodge No. 4, \$125; T. A. Newman, \$75; Odorless Excavating Co., \$56, \$37—\$93; Geo. H. Paddon, \$80; R. S. Parks, \$60; Potomac Ins. Co., \$25; A. S. Pratt, \$50; W. W. Rapley, \$3; W. J. Rhees, \$200; J. R. Riggles, Treasurer, \$250; F. F. Roberson, \$3.50; Wm. Rothwell, \$76.75; Jos. L. Savage, \$63.95 \$25.69, \$18.80—\$108.44; Conrad Schaeffer, Trustee, \$60; Schwing & Clark

\$8.35; S. S. Stearns, \$150; E. Z. Steever, \$10.40; Russell Stone, \$70; Walt, \$4.80; Henry Walter, Treasurer, \$100; Washington Society of the New Jerusalem, \$125; Rev. Chas. I. White, \$250; Mrs. A. H. Whiting, \$11.70; O. C. Wight & H. J. Frost, \$75; Wm. Wilson, \$8. Total, \$6,900.57.

Mr. DETRICK, from the Committee on Text-Books, submitted the following:

In response to the resolution instructing the Committee on Text-Books to inform this Board "whether any modification of the course of study in geography, requiring the use of text-books on the part of the pupils, can properly be made, which shall confine it within narrower limits," and "whether there are text-books now available which contain in a single volume, or at most in two volumes, all the matters and things which ought to be contained in a text-book on geography for the Public Schools of this District," &c., the Committee have to report: 1st. That they deem it inadvisable at this time to abridge the course of study on geography requiring the use of text-books. 2d. In the judgment of the Committee the text-books on the subject of geography might be reduced to two in number without detriment to the efficiency of instruction in that branch of study, and with considerable reduction of expense to parents. The Committee designate Nos. 1 and 2 of the Eclectic Series, Wilson, Hinkle & Co., publishers; Swinton's Elementary and Complete, Ivison, Blakeman, Taylor & Co., publishers; Nos. 1 and 2 of Our World, Gwin Brothers, publishers, as in each case meeting the requirements of the resolution. The prices are as follows: Eclectic, No. 1, 80c., No. 2, \$1.50—total, \$2.30; Swinton's Elementary, \$1.20, Complete, \$2.00—total \$3.20; Our World, No. 1, 94c., No. 2, \$2.00—total, \$2.94.

Responding to the resolution requesting similar information as to the course of study and text-books in arithmetic, the Committee have to report that in their opinion it is not advisable to abbreviate the course of study in that branch, and that they are not prepared to advise a reduction in the number of text-books on that subject now in use in the Public Schools.

Pursuant to the resolution requiring a list of the publishers of the several text-books now in use in the Public Schools of this District, the Committee submit the following, viz: Franklin Readers, Brewer & Tileston, Boston; Worcester's Spellers and Dictionary, Brewer & Tileston, Boston; Davies' Arithmetics, A. S. Barnes & Co., New York; Davies' Elementary Algebra, A. S. Barnes & Co., New York; Davies' Elementary Geometry, A. S. Barnes & Co., New York; Cornell's Geographies, D. Appleton & Co., New York; Warren's Geographies, Cowperthwaite & Co., Philadelphia; Kerl's Grammars, Ivison, Blakeman, Taylor & Co., New York; Spencerian Copy-Books, Ivison, Blakeman, Taylor & Co., New York; Gray's Botany, Ivison, Blakeman, Taylor & Co., New York; National Music Charts and Readers, Gwin Brothers, Boston; Smith's Drawing Book, Card, and Manual, L. Prang & Co., Boston; Child's Book of Nature, Harper & Brothers, New York; Swinton's Word Analysis, Harper & Brothers, New York; Hadley's Lessons in Language, Hadley Brothers, Chicago; Campbell's History, Brewer & Tileston, Boston; Quackinbos's Composition and Rhetoric, D. Appleton & Co., New York; Hart's First Lessons, Eldridge Brothers, Philadelphia; Apgar's Geographical Drawing-Book, Cowperthwaite & Co., Philadelphia; Mitchell's Outline Maps, J. H. Butler & Co., Philadelphia; Map of Washington, Wm. Forsythe, Washington, D. C.; Hotze's Physics and Physiology, The Central Publishing Company, St. Louis; Cutter's Physiology, J. B. Lippincott & Co., Philadelphia;

Peck's Ganot, A. S. Barnes & Co.; Bryant, Stratton & Pachard's Book-keeping, Ivison, Blakeman, Taylor & Co.; Lippincott's Gazetteer, J. B. Lippincott & Co.; Mason's Gymnastics, Wolworth, Ainsworth & Co., New York; Philbrick's School Tablets, Thompson, Brown & Co., Boston; Wilson's Charts of Colors, Harper & Brothers; Calkin's Object Lessons, Harper & Brothers; Monroe's Vocal Gymnastics, Cowperthwaite & Co.; Esputa's Music, John Esputa.

Respectfully submitted.

R. B. DETRICK,
F. W. MOFFAT,
J. S. BROWN,
HENRY JOHNSON.

Received and ordered printed for consideration at the next meeting.

Mr. CHAMPLIN submitted the following minority report :

The Text-Book Committee, to whom were referred the resolutions offered by Mr. Hovey at the meeting in April last, respectfully report :

That the resolution was first presented to them by the chairman at a meeting held on Saturday evening last, and that they have not been able to reach a satisfactory conclusion.

They further are of the opinion that the scope of the inquiry is so extensive that a due consideration of it would require a thorough examination of many series of works, which would necessarily consume much time. At this season of the year, and with the cares incident to the closing of the schools and the preparation for reopening, your Committee feel that they cannot do justice to the subject, and make such a report as they could properly lay before the Board, with reasons therefor, during the remainder of the school year; nor do they believe that the members of the Board, if such a report was presented, would be able—especially as many of the members will be absent from the city—to give to it that consideration demanded by a subject fraught with so serious consequences.

They further believe that were they prepared to report, the present time is not propitious for a change of text-books, and that a proposition to make one would excite a feeling in the community that would be prejudicial to the best interest of the schools. For these reasons they recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That it is deemed inexpedient to make any change in text-books to take effect at the commencement of the next school year.

Respectfully submitted.

E. CHAMPLIN.

Ordered printed for consideration at the next meeting.

Mr. FRENCH, from the Committee on Examinations and Prizes, made their annual report.

Report accepted and approved.

The Committee on Rules made the following report :

The Committee on Rules, to whom was referred the proposition to amend section 2 of article 5 of the by-laws, so as to make it the duty of the Committee on Teachers to *nominate teachers*, have had the same under consideration, and have agreed to report a substitute and recommend its adoption, as follows :

Amend section 2 of article 5 of the by-laws by inserting after the word "Board," in the seventh line, the following words: "and to them shall be referred, for consideration and report, all nominations of teachers."

J. S. BROWN,
CHARLES E. HOVEY,
JOHN RANDOLPH,
Committee on Rules.

On the question of agreeing to the report of the Committee the yeas and nays were demanded.

Those who voted in the affirmative were—

Messrs. Brown, Brooke, Brooks, Champlin, French, Moffatt, Packard, Randolph, Ryder, and Smith—10.

In the negative—

Messrs. Detrick, Ferguson, Hovey, and Johnson—4.

Two-thirds not voting for the amendment it was rejected.

Mr. HOVEY moved to reconsider the vote by which the proposed amendment was rejected, and have that motion lay over until next meeting. *see p. 97*

Agreed to.

Mr. PACKARD submitted the following :

Resolved, That the Committee on Property be requested to take into consideration and report to this Board at its next regular meeting, the propriety of having the county school-houses guarded during the months of July and August.

Referred to the Committee on Property.

Moved, that when this Board adjourns it be to meet on Monday the 26th instant.

Agreed to.

The Board then adjourned.

ADJOURNED MEETING.

JUNE 26, 1876.

Pursuant to adjournment the Board of Trustees of Public Schools in and for the District of Columbia met on the above date; W. W. Curtis in the chair, John H. Brooks, Secretary.

Present: Messrs. Brown, Brooks, Champlin, Curtis, Detrick, Dyer, French, Hovey, Johnson, Lloyd, Moffat, Packard, Randolph, Reyburn, and Ryder.

The Secretary presented the following communication from the Honorable Commissioners of the District of Columbia :

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONERS
OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,
WASHINGTON, *June 20, 1876.*

JOHN H. BROOKS, Esq., *Secretary, &c.*

SIR: Referring to your communication of the 8th instant, I am directed to say that the Commissioners think the printing of the "Annual Report of the Trustees of Public Schools for 1875-6" comes within the printer's contract.

Very respectfully,

WM. TINDALL,
Secretary.

The following applications for position of teacher were presented: Cynthia D. Rockwell, I. Fairbrother, Esther E. Witmer, Sarah A. Sherer.

Referred to Superintendent Wilson.

Also a communication from Mr. Henry Hardy relative to the use of the Bible as a text-book in the schools.

Referred to the Committee on Text-Books.

Mr. BROWN, from the Committee on Rules, submitted the following report :

The Committee on Rules, to which was referred proposed amendments of article I, section 3, of the By-Laws, hereby recommend the following relating thereto :

Insert in place of the order of business the following :

- I. Calling the roll.
- II. Reading the journal.
- III. Communications.
- IV. Communications from the Superintendents.
- V. Nomination and election of teachers.
- VI. Reports of Sub-Boards.
- VII. Reports of Standing Committees.
- VIII. Reports of Special Committees.
- IX. Resolutions for reference.
- X. Unfinished business.
- XI. New business.

Add to the section the following :

"All the ordinals of business except the last two shall be considered in the opening hour, during which no debate nor remarks shall be in order. But reports of Sub-Boards and resolutions presented for adoption by committees may be acted on without debate when offered. All matters subject to debate or explanation coming before the Board during the opening hour shall lie on the table, to be taken up as new business; and all matters under new business shall be considered in the order in which they come before the Board, unless otherwise ordered by special vote of the Board.

"Upon all questions under consideration by the Board, every member shall be entitled to speak ten minutes, and the mover of a resolution shall

be entitled to five minutes additional, in closing the debate. Additional time may be allowed any member upon request, by the unanimous consent of the members present."

Strike out section 3 of article VI.

J. S. BROWN,
GEO. W. DYER,
C. E. HOVEY,
HENRY JOHNSON,
J. RANDOLPH,
Committee on Rules.

On motion to adopt the report the yeas and nays were ordered.
Those who voted in the affirmative were—

Messrs. Brown, Champlin, Curtis, Detrick, Dyer, French, Hovey, Johnson, Lloyd, Moffat, Packard, Randolph, Reyburn, Ryder, and Smith—15.
In the negative—

Mr. Brooks—1.

Mr. HOVEY called up his motion to reconsider the vote by which the proposed amendment to section 2, article V, of the By-Laws of the Board was rejected.

The yeas and nays were demanded.

Those who voted in the affirmative were—

Messrs. Brown, Brooks, Champlin, Curtis, Detrick, Dyer, French, Hovey, Moffat, Packard, Randolph, and Smith—12.

In the negative—

Messrs. Johnson, Lloyd, Ryder, and Reyburn—4.

So the motion was not agreed to.

Mr. LLOYD offered the following :

Resolved, That the Committee on Examinations and Prizes be directed to submit to this Board, at a meeting not later than October next, the programme or schedule for closing the schools at the close of the next school year; and, further, that said committee take into consideration the propriety of having contests in spelling in a fewer number of schools and substitute therefor contests in arithmetic and grammar.

Referred to the Committee on Examinations and Prizes.

Mr. CURTIS offered the following, which was referred to the Committee on Rules :

Resolved, That the schools be hereafter closed for the summer vacation during the last week in May of each year.

Mr. DETRICK offered the following :

Resolved, That this Board recommend that the schedule of rates of compensation for the equalization of the pay of Janitors employed in the Public Schools approved by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia April

27, 1876, be made to take effect only after the end of the present school year terminating August 31, 1876.

Adopted.

Mr. HOVEY offered the following :

Resolved, That the nomination of teachers be now made to the Board by the several Sub-Boards for the position of teachers in their several districts for the ensuing year; and that these nominations be referred to the respective Committees on Teachers, who are hereby directed to report at an adjourned meeting of this Board to be held on Friday evening next, as to the advisability of confirming said nominations.

Mr. LLOYD moved to amend as follows :

That the same lie over until the next regular or stated meeting.

Rejected.

The resolution was then adopted.

The several Sub-Boards then nominated, *pro forma*, teachers for the next school year.

Mr. REYBURN submitted the following :

Resolved, That the Sub-Boards of each School District shall present the names of the school teachers they desire to be appointed at the expiration of each school year, or as soon thereafter as practicable; such nominations shall be presented at one meeting and acted upon at the next meeting.

No action.

Mr. BROWN offered the following :

Resolved, That when this Board adjourn it adjourn to meet on Friday, the 30th instant, at the usual place and hour.

Agreed to.

On motion, the Board then adjourned.

ADJOURNED MEETING.

JUNE 30, 1876.

The Board of Trustees of Public Schools in and for the District of Columbia, pursuant to adjournment, met on the above date; W. W. Curtis in the chair, John H. Brooks, Secretary.

Present: Messrs. Brown, Brooke, Brooks, Champlin, Curtis, Detrick, Dyer, Ferguson, French, Hovey, Johnson, Lloyd, Mitchell, Moffat, Packard, Randolph, Reyburn, and Smith.

Mr. REYBURN presented a communication from R. M. McKee, Principal of the First District, and petition of citizens, relative to his re-appointment.

Also a communication from Mrs. M. E. R. Nevitt, relative to her transfer from Female Grammar School, First District.

Referred to the Committee on Teachers of the White Schools of Washington and Georgetown.

Mr. REYBURN offered the following :

Resolved, That the resolution whereby the nominations of teachers made at the last meeting were referred to the Committee on Teachers be and is hereby rescinded, and that the nominations of Teachers be made to the Board by the Sub-Boards of each District as heretofore.

Mr. HOVEY moved to postpone the resolution until the committee reported.

Agreed to by the following vote :

YEAS—Messrs. Brown, Champlin, Curtis, Dyer, French, Hovey, Mitchell, Moffat, Packard, Randolph, and Smith—11.

NAYS—Messrs. Brooke, Brooks, Detrick, Ferguson, Johnson, Lloyd, and Reyburn—7.

Mr. BROWN offered the following :

Resolved, That the Cornell series of Geographies as text-books in the District of Columbia be discontinued after the present school year.

Referred to the Committee on Text-Books.

The resignation of Belle C. Peyton and Fanny E. Crosby were received and accepted, to take effect August 31, 1876.

Mr. RANDOLPH, from the Committee on Teachers of the White Schools, submitted the following :

The committee, to whom were referred the nominations of teachers made by the Sub-Boards of the First, Second, Third, Fourth, and Fifth Districts, at the meeting of the Board June 26, 1876, would respectfully report—

That in discharging the important duty assigned them, your committee, in order to get at the facts, have allowed full liberty of statement to the members of the different Sub-Boards present at the meetings of the committee.

As their duty was simply advisory, the committee have declined to pass upon any nominations of Sub-Boards other than those made in open Board at the meeting of June 26.

The committee believe that they are not required to make special adverse reports in particular cases. They have reported for confirmation the name of every teacher, and only those, in each district, in whose nomination both members of the Sub-Board of said district, when frankly consulted by the committee have concurred, and with whose qualifications and record as a teacher they have expressed themselves as satisfied.

First District.

Of the candidates nominated by the Sub-Board of this district, your committee would recommend the confirmation of the following:

For teachers of Intermediate Schools: R. Jennie Day, Susie G. Hickey, M. Alice Groff, Fannie E. Hoover, Kate E. Rawlings, Fannie E. Jullien, Jennie B. Hallaran, Mary C. McGill.

For teachers of Secondary Schools: Adelaide H. Fuller, Mary Ella Morgan, Ella S. McMahon, Dora N. Brown, Annie M. A. Clark, Mrs. Maria E. Rodier, Mary McArdle, Isabella M. Wilson, Mrs. Mary I. Sampson, Alice Simpson, Louisa M. Bishop, Ella M. Williams, Clara A. Hollingsworth.

For teachers of Primary Schools: Mary Burchard, Flora B. Wiggin, Alice E. Cooksey, Mary S. Shields, Susie A. Mockabee, Elizabeth A. Corcoran, Maria I. Marsh, Effie Rodier, Euphemia Macfarlane, Fannie C. Snyder, Annie M. Dutton, Louisa S. Weightman, Theresa A. McGill.

For Assistant in Female Grammar School: Julia E. L. Moore.

Second District.

Of the candidates nominated by the Sub-Board of the Second District the following are recommended for confirmation:

For Principal of Male Grammar School and Supervising Principal of Second District: Nathaniel P. Gage.

For Assistant in Male Grammar School: G. F. Billings.

For Principal of Female Grammar School: Georgia Lane.

For teachers of Intermediate Schools: Julia A. Brown, M. Adele Tait, Mary E. Rowe, Kate T. Brown, Emily V. Billing, Mrs. Emily Myers, Metella King, Alice L. Kern, Lille B. Holbrook, Clara C. Baker.

For teachers of Secondary Schools: Eliza Caton, Emily Robinson, Amanda M. East, Susie C. Collins, Mary B. Bartlett, H. Jennie Free, May L. Johnson, Elizabeth L. Prather, Virginia R. Gittings, Maggie C. Walsh, Mrs. Emma F. Quinlan, Mrs. Marie L. Walker, Emma L. Bond.

For teachers of Primary Schools: Julia I. Murray, A. Hortense Trevitt, Anna L. Sargent, E. C. Weightman, Sallie A. Dalton, Emma L. Wilson, Virginia Boss, Susie E. Porter, Marion J. Malone, Inez M. Goodrich, Sarah Bartlett, Sallie S. Childs, Mary R. Evans, Mary K. Garst, Isabella V. Helmsen, Olivia Hambly, Helen E. Ralph, Clara J. Lesh.

The committee make special mention of the fidelity and success of Miss Anna B. Milans, of this district, whom they would most cheerfully recommend for confirmation as a primary teacher, but whose health has become so seriously impaired as to render it impracticable for her to continue teaching.

Third District.

Of the candidates nominated by the Sub-Board of the Third District the following are recommended for confirmation:

For Principal of Male Grammar School and Supervising Principal of said district: Charles E. Hilton.

Assistant of Male Grammar School: Mrs. E. A. Hilton.

For teachers of Intermediate Schools: Victoria L. Nourse, Mary G. Kelly, Mary Morgan, Symphronia M. Lusby, Lucy B. Davis, Hannah P. Johnson, Mary A. Aukward, Lillie F. Thomas.

For teachers of Secondary Schools: Sarah E. Talbert, Mary E. Arnistead, Mary A. Dodge, M. E. Van Doren, Lizzie M. Stromberger, Mary L.

Packard, Ida A. Lord, Ella G. Kelly, Martha E. Armistead, Catharine A. Dulin, Mrs. Amelia J. Rowland.

For teachers of Primary Schools: Martha J. McCutchen, Mary Sander-son, Florence Hinton, Mary E. Kealey, Sarah J. Kealey, Mrs. M. V. McCathran, Hellen I. Schimmelfennig, Nellie M. Mack, Maggie E. Forbes, Myra E. Love, Eliza M. Aiken, Sarah E. Meredith, Mary E. Little, Evelyn M. Van Doren, Mrs. Alice M. Dulin.

Fourth District.

Of the candidates nominated by the Sub-Board of the Fourth District, the following are recommended for confirmation:

For Principal of the Female Grammar School: Mrs. Mary E. Martin.

For Sub-Assistant: Sophia P. Davidson.

For teachers of Intermediate Schools: Ellie Dunn, Mary Ann Lee, Elizabeth J. Riley, Mrs. Sarah E. Wise, Annie Van Horn, Susan A. Langley, Mrs. Mary A. Bowen.

For teachers of Secondary Schools: Victoria V. Trook, Annie M. Adams, Rachel A. Garrett, Harriet L. Davis, Mary Louisa Strobel, Clara L. Wilson, Ida M. Pumphrey, Martha Barnes.

For teachers of Primary Schools: Margaret E. Garrett, Catharine F. Maxwell, Ellen E. Haliday, Adele B. Gray, Janie P. McCauley, Isabelle Haliday, Annie Laura McIntire, Charlotte Lucas, Sophie I. Allen, Hannah M. Tunnell.

Fifth District.

Of the candidates nominated by the Sub-Board of the Fifth District, the following are recommended for confirmation:

For Principal of Male Grammar School and Supervising Principal of said district: Bernard T. Janney.

For Principal of Female Grammar School: Laura A. Reed.

For Assistant in Female Grammar School: Mary McKenny.

For teachers of Intermediate Schools: Mrs. Mary E. Turner, Mrs. Mary J. Bates.

For teachers of Secondary Schools: Elizabeth H. Dadmun, Florence P. Sullivan, Laura V. Blundon, Emma L. Godey, M. Josephine Good.

For teachers of Primary Schools: Kate L. Little, M. Jane Gardner, Kate A. Wilson, Angelica T. Houghton, Alwiida M. Brooke, Kate Reyburn, Alice E. Craig.

Also, Miss Lucilla E. Smith as Principal of the Washington Normal School for the ensuing school year.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JUNE 30, 1876.

JOHN RANDOLPH,
GEO. W. DYER,
CHAS. E. HOVEY,
B. F. LLOYD,
FRED. W. MOFFAT.

Report ACCEPTED and nominations CONFIRMED.

Mr. LLOYD submitted the following report, with several petitions of citizens asking retention of Mr. J. E. Thompson as Principal of the Fourth District:

The minority of the Committee on Teachers respectfully recommend the appointment of Mr. John E. Thomson as Principal of the Fourth District, for the following reasons:

First. His long and efficient services in the Public Schools of this city, embracing a period of more than twenty-seven years.

Second. The parents and citizens of that school district, with few exceptions, strongly desire and recommend his reappointment.

Third. There are no substantial complaints of his school administration in the district, no charges of inefficiency emanating from parents or pupils, and in the absence of such charges, sustained by ample proof, we decline to concur in his removal from those schools.

While we admit the legal right of the Board to omit the appointment of any teacher proved to be inefficient, long-established usage, beginning from the very foundation of our school system, has established the principle that our teachers should not be changed, except for manifest neglect of duty or inefficiency. A reversal of this principle must necessarily make our teachers public officers, places of political patronage, which in the end must corrupt and demoralize our whole Public School system.

B. F. LLOYD.

Mr. CHAMPLIN moved to amend the minority report by substituting the name of S. J. Thomson as Principal, and I. Fairbrother, Assistant, Male Grammar School, and presented a petition of a number of citizens asking a change of Principal in the Fourth District.

The report, with nominations and all the papers, were referred to Committee on Teachers of the White Schools.

The Sub-Board of the Third District made the following nominations:

Miss Mary Dearing to be Acting Teacher of Female Grammar School.

Miss Mary E. Bohner, Sub-Assistant.

Appoint Miss Mary A. Mirick Acting Teacher of Secondary No. 3.

Confirmed.

Mr. JOHNSON, from the Committee on Teachers of the Colored Schools, reported back the following nominations and requested the confirmation of the Board:

OFFICE OF SUB-BOARD, SEVENTH DISTRICT,

WASHINGTON, June 26, 1876.

To the Board of Trustees of Public Schools in and for the District of Columbia.

GENTLEMEN: The Sub-Board for the Seventh District would respectfully nominate the following-named teachers for the Colored Schools of Washington and Georgetown for the school year 1876-'77:

M. J. Patterson, L. F. Barney, C. E. Parke, E. W. Somerville, L. E. Moten, E. V. Brown, L. P. Matthews, F. A. Martin, C. A. Patterson, C. A. Jones, M. L. Lawrence, A. Ross, L. P. Bruce, A. S. Simmons, M. V. Datcher, A. M. Parke, M. F. Kiger, L. A. Barbour, B. E. Pope, M. L. Bowie, E. A. Butler, E. Logan, L. T. Jones, A. W. Ringgold, L. F. Dyson, E. F. Merritt, A. L. Tilghman, L. E. Jean, A. P. Spencer, R. J. Cook, A. L. Foote, A. E. Holmes, J. L. Brooks, M. A. C. Coakley, A. Warrick, M. Nalle, A. M. Boston, M. A. Teagle, S. J. Jones, M. L. Hoy, J. Wilson, A. A. Brown, M. A. S. Cary, E. P. Shadd, L. L. Lewis, A.

M. Lane, M. E. Reed, M. E. Pryor, M. E. Tucker, M. C. Kelly, H. A. Simmons, W. C. Giles, R. A. Lee, E. L. Fisher, A. A. Bozemon, A. R. Bowen, G. C. Jackson, G. A. Dyson, M. A. Hutton, M. A. Dorster, E. D. Barrier, C. Lewis, M. A. Bailey, A. T. Bowen, R. Murray, M. M. Logan, I. G. Nutter, A. T. Howard, H. A. Martin, L. V. Fisher, M. C. Barney, C. E. Collins, S. L. Daffin, A. V. Thompkins, H. A. Saunders, M. A. Ward, J. E. Kelly, M. L. Jordan, F. Z. Bradford, R. M. Mann, (acting,) R. E. Coakley, M. E. Beckett, (acting,) M. A. Jones, (acting,) C. E. Pryor, (acting,) M. E. Syphax, (acting,) M. A. Wheeler, (acting,) F. S. Bruce, (acting,) L. A. Smith, John Espota, Henry F. Grant, Thos. W. Hunster.

HENRY JOHNSON,
JOHN H. BROOKS,
W. P. RYDER,
J. H. FERGUSON,
Sub-Board for Seventh District.

Confirmed.

Mr. LLOYD offered the following :

The Committee on Music of the Public Schools of Washington and Georgetown nominate Professor Joseph H. Daniel as Director of Music for the Washington Schools, and Mrs. Annie J. King and Mrs. Susan Davidson as his assistants, and Professor Pond as Teacher of Music for the Schools of Georgetown, on the same terms as paid last year.

B. F. LLOYD,
FRED. W. MOFFAT,
G. W. MITCHELL,
ROBERT REYBURN, M. D.

Confirmed.

Mr. RANDOLPH, from the Committee on Teachers, submitted the following :

JUNE 30, 1876.

At the meeting of the Board held June 26, 1876, there were referred to the Committee on Teachers the following preamble and resolutions, submitted by the Sub-Board of the Second District, to wit :

"Whereas, in the judgment of the Board, and in pursuance of the suggestion of Superintendent Wilson in his Fifth Annual Report, an advanced grammar school for girls has become necessary to relieve the pressure upon the existing female grammar schools of Washington and Georgetown,—to equalize the grade of study in said schools, and to afford an additional year's training to those seeking to enter the Normal School—

"*Resolved*, 1. That such a school, to be denominated 'The Advanced Female Grammar School for Washington and Georgetown,' be organized at the commencement of the ensuing school year.

"2. That Georgia Lane be and she is hereby appointed Principal of said school.

"3. That the Committee on Teachers in connection with the Superintendent be hereby instructed to prepare and submit to the Board at its stated meeting in August next a plan for organizing said school and the course of study therein."

The committee, after carefully considering the above proposition for the establishment of an advanced grammar school, to which a proportionate number of pupils best qualified to enter the ninth grade shall upon examination be transferred from the several female grammar schools of the First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Districts, are of the opinion that such a school should be established without further delay, and they would therefore unanimously recommend the adoption of the aforesaid resolutions and to which they would append the following :

Resolved, 4. That said school be located in the Seaton School Building.

JOHN RANDOLPH,
GEO. W. DYER,
B. F. LLOYD,
C. E. HOVEY,
FRED. W. MOFFAT.

Mr. BROWN moved to amend by changing the name of the proposed grade to High School, and that all the pupils of the District of Columbia, of both sexes, be entitled to its benefits when qualified ; rejected by the following vote :

YEAS—Brown, Champlin, Curtis, French, Mitchell, Reyburn—6.

NAYS—Brooks, Detrick, Dyer, Hovey, Johnson, Randolph, Smith—7.

Mr. BROWN then moved to postpone action until next meeting ; agreed to by the following vote :

YEAS—Brown, Champlin, Curtis, Hovey, Mitchell, Smith, Reyburn—7.

NAYS—Brooks, Detrick, Dyer, French, Johnson, Randolph—6.

Mr. BROWN, from the Committee on Teachers of the County, asked that they be excused from reporting on teachers for election until the regular meeting in July, it having been decided that an election of teachers prior to the meeting in July would be illegal.

Agreed to.

Mr. DETRICK, from the Sub-Board of the Second District, submitted a requisition for new furniture for the Abbot School Building.

Referred to the Committee on Property, and reported back approved.

Approved.

Mr. DYER submitted the following :

I respectfully nominate the following list of teachers for the First District of Washington :

Principal Male Grammar School, Henry N. Copp.

Assistant for same, Edward A. Paul.

Female Grammar School, Rachel J. Day.

Male Intermediate, Eugene D. Harrington.

Female Intermediate, Mrs. M. E. R. Nevitt.

The nominations submitted by Colonel Dyer were referred to the Committee on Teachers, by the following vote :

YEAS—Brooks, Curtis, Detrick, Ferguson, Johnson, Lloyd, Mitchell, Randolph, Smith, Reyburn—10.

NAYS—Brown, Brooke, Champlin, Dyer, French, Hovey, Moffat, Packard—8.

Mr. DYER also submitted the following nominations, which were confirmed :

Secondary, D. Foley.
Primary, Cora Stutzman.

JUNE 30, 1876.

GEO. W. DYER,
Of Sub-Board First District.

Mr. HOVEY submitted the following :

Whereas, in the issue of the *Evening Star* of June 30, 1876, there appears an article entitled "Public School Matters," containing the following paragraph, namely :

"Some of these persons have by brazen cheek and persistent lobbying got on the Board, and, though forming but a small portion of the membership, they have by insidious engineering managed to carry many of their points, and particularly to get themselves placed on committees where they could do themselves 'the most good,' and where they could strike stealthy blows at their opponents. In fact until their advent such a thing as lobbying for the position was unknown, and the practice of seeking the place for money-making purposes was also unknown."

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed by the chair to inquire and reply to this Board whether there be any fact to justify such statements.

Agreed to unanimously, and the chair announced as the committee Messrs. Dyer, Reyburn, and J. S. Brown.

Dr. REYBURN called up his resolution relative to Sub-Boards nominating teachers direct to this Board. Consideration deferred.

On motion the Board adjourned.

The Secretary presented for the information of the Board the following:

Statement of the total amount of Fuel used by the Public Schools of the District of Columbia for the year ending June 30, 1876.

NAME OF SCHOOL.	COAL.			WOOD.			
	Red ash.	White ash.	Cumberland.	Pine, long.	Pine, sawed and split.	Oak, long.	Oak, sawed and split.
Anacostia		7			2 1/2		
A st. bet. 7th and 8th sts. n. e.		35			2 1/2		1/2
Anthony Bowen		15			5		
Chamberlain		40		1	8		1
Cranch		37			2		
John F. Cook		17	3		2		
Curtis, Georgetown		2			1 1/2		
E st. bet. 5th and 6th sts. s. e.		8			1		1/2
5th st. bet. M and N. sts		4			1		
14th st. bet. Ohio ave. and D st		6			1 1/2		1/2
5th and I sts. n. w.		10			1		
4th and L sts. n. w.		160		22			
Franklin		2			1 1/2		
5th and Va. ave. s. e.		4			1 1/2		
1st st. bet. C and D sts. s. e.		3 1/2			1		
14th and G sts. n. w.		7			1 1/2		
14th and L sts		10			3 1/2		
Greenleaf		3			3/4		
G st. bet. 3d and 4 1/2 sts. s. w.		2			1		
G st. bet. 6th and 7th sts. s. w.		4 1/2			1 1/2		
H st. bet. 13th and 14th sts.					1 1/2		1/2
H st. bet. 6th and 7th sts					1 1/2		1/2
H st. bet. 2d and 3d sts. n. w.		13			1 1/2		
High st. Georgetown		5			1 1/4		1 1/4
H and 1st sts. n. w.		7			1 1/4		
803 H st. n. e.		120		23 1/2	12		
Jefferson		40		5			
Lincoln		6			1 1/2		1
Larner		15		2			
Lovejoy		10			1		
McKelden		38			3		
McCormick		22			1		1
Miller		3			1 1/2		
M st. bet. 10th and 11th sts.		8			2		
Masonic Hall, 5th st. and Va. ave.		6			1 1/2		
19th and H sts		8			2		
19th st. bet. G. and H sts		14			1 1/2		1/2
9th and S sts					1		
9th st. bet. P. and Q sts		75					
New Building, Georgetown		4			1		
North Capitol st. bet. B and C sts		2					
New York ave. and 6th st. n. w.		13			1 1/2		1/2
O st. bet. 4th and 5th sts		8			1 1/2		
Odd Fellows Hall, 7th and G sts. s. e.		2			3/4		
German Church, 4 1/2 st. s. w.		13			1		
Prospect st. Georgetown		13			4 1/2		
Potomac		6			1		1/2
P st. bet. 9th and 10th sts		7			1 1/2		1 1/2
Pennsylvania ave. bet. 6th and 7th sts				5			
2d st. Georgetown		12			2		
Rhees		20			4		
Randall		80		1/2	1 1/2	1/2	1/2
Seaton		8			1 1/2		
7th and A sts. n. w.		125		9			
Summer		10			1 1/2		1/2
6th st. bet. L and M sts		60		3	4		
Stevens		4			1 1/4		1/4
8th and L sts. n. w.		32			4 1/2		
22d and I sts		2			1 1/2		
10th st. bet. D and E sts. s. w.		8 1/2			1 1/2		
13th st. bet. G and H sts. n. w.							

STATEMENT OF FUEL USED.—*Continued.*

NAME OF SCHOOL.	COAL.			WOOD.			
	Red ash.	White ash.	Cumberland.	Pine, long.	Pine, sawed and split.	Oak, long.	Oak, sawed and split.
3d st. bet. L and New York ave. n. w .	.	10	.	.			
12th st. bet. K and L sts	3	.	.	$\frac{3}{4}$		
3d and A sts. n. e.	10	.	.	1		
20th and R sts	$2\frac{1}{2}$	.	.	$1\frac{1}{2}$		
3d st. Georgetown	10	.	.	1		
Wallach	99	.	.	1		
Montgomery st. Georgetown	12	.	2	5		
School 1, Dist. 6, Anacostia road	3	.	.			
School 1, Dist. 3, Brightwood	3	.	.			
School 1, Dist. 2, near Tennallytown	6	.	.			
School 1, Dist. 4, Howard University	22	.	.	$1\frac{1}{4}$		
School 1, Dist. 5, near Queen Chapel road	6	.	.	3		
School 1, Dist. 7, Uniontown	7	.	.	1		
School 1, Dist. 1, Conduit road	6	.	.	4		
School 2, Dist. 3, Broad Branch road	3	.	.	$1\frac{1}{2}$		
School 2, Dist. 2	3	.	.	1		
School 2, Dist. 4, Soldiers' Home	6	.	.	$\frac{3}{4}$		
School 2, Dist. 5, old Bladensburg road	4	.	.	2		
School 2, Dist. 6, Benning's road	2	.	.	1		
School 2, Dist. 7, Good Hope road	6	.	.	2		
School 2, Dist. 1, Ridge road	4	.	.	2		
School 2, Dist. 4, Fort Slocum	3	.	.	$\frac{1}{2}$		
School 3, Dist. 7, Hillsdale	22	.	.	1		
School 3, Dist. 3, Mount Pleasant	20	.	.	3		
School 4, Dist. 7, Asylum road	4	.	.	2		
					1		
Total amount received		1485	3	73	$143\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$10\frac{1}{4}$

REGULAR MEETING.

FRANKLIN SCHOOL BUILDING, *July 11, 1876.*

The Board of Trustees of Public Schools in and for the District of Columbia met on the above date ; W. W. Curtis, Esq., in the chair ; John H. Brooks, secretary.

Members present : Messrs. Brown, Brooke, Brooks, Champlin, Curtis, Detrick, Dyer, French, Hovey, Johnson, Lloyd, Mitchell, Packard, Royburn, Ryder, and Smith.

The minutes of the previous meetings were approved.

The resignation of Mr. R. H. Harkness was received and accepted, to take effect August 31, 1876.

Communications were received as follows : From Mary A. Mirick in reference to removal from Female Grammar School, Third District ; referred to Committee on Teachers. Also, from F. Lugenbeel, addressed to Honorable Commissioners of the District of Columbia, and by them referred to this Board ; referred to Committee on Teachers of the County for investigation and report. Also, from L. B. Allen in relation to omis-

sion to his reappointment as teacher; referred to Committee on Teachers of the White Schools of Washington. Also, the application of William Trombly, Bradford, Vt., for position of teacher; referred to Committee on Teachers of the County.

Mr. Dyer, from Committee on Teachers of the White Schools, reported progress in the investigations ordered to be made by said committee.

The Superintendents submitted the following abstract of reports for June, 1876:

	Washington.	George-town.	County.	Total.
1. Whole number of pupils enrolled:				
White.....	8,453	874	671	9,998
Colored.....	3,785	306	829	4,920
	<u>12,238</u>	<u>1,180</u>	<u>1,500</u>	<u>14,918</u>
2. Number of pupils on the rolls the last day of the month:				
White.....	8,193	852	635	9,680
Colored.....	3,701	297	779	4,777
	<u>11,894</u>	<u>1,149</u>	<u>1,414</u>	<u>14,457</u>
3. Average number of pupils in daily attendance:				
White.....	7,953	832	527	9,312
Colored.....	3,663	290	625	4,578
	<u>11,616</u>	<u>1,122</u>	<u>1,152</u>	<u>13,890</u>
4. Percentage of attendance:				
White.....	95.6	96.5	86.7	
Colored.....	98.7	97.1	86.1	
5. Number of teachers employed:				
White schools.....	165	19	16	200
Colored schools.....	83	7	17	107
	<u>248</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>307</u>
6. Number of cases of tardiness:				
White schools.....	144	48	.....	192
Colored schools.....	13	2	.....	15
	<u>157</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>.....</u>	<u>207</u>
7. Number of cases of corporal punishment:				
White schools.....	7	2	5	14
Colored schools.....	9	1	6	16
	<u>16</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>30</u>
8. Number of pupils dismissed:				
White.....	2	.....	.....	2
Colored.....	8	1	.....	9
	<u>10</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>.....</u>	<u>11</u>

J. ORMOND WILSON,
GEO. F. T. COOK,
Superintendents.

Mr. Packard, from Committee on Teachers of the County, submitted the following report:

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 11, 1876.

GENTLEMEN: Your Committee on Teachers for the County Schools, to whom was referred for investigation and report the nominations made by the Sub-Board of the Sixth District, would respectfully recommend that the following list be confirmed by the Board.

It has been deemed advisable by your committee to drop three white teachers in charge of colored schools on the ground that everything being equal colored teachers should be given the preference in the colored schools. When the county schools were first opened it was found necessary to employ white teachers for the greater portion of the colored schools, for the reason that competent colored teachers could not be procured. Among the colored youth who have been in school training during the past decade we are now enabled to secure some first-class teachers, and when the teaching in the white schools, justice would seem to indicate that this policy should be pursued.

Three of our very worthy lady teachers in charge of white schools have declined reappointment.

In one instance objection was made to a principal of a white school. The charges preferred were vague and of long standing, some of them dating as far back as 1869. As none of the charges were substantiated the teacher is recommended for reappointment.

Respectfully submitted.

B. F. PACKARD,
J. S. BROWN,
G. W. MITCHELL,

Committee on Teachers for the County Schools.

First district, school No. 1, Clement A. Peck. Second district, No. 1, R. T. Moss, acting; Third district, No. 2, John E. Chappell, principal; Miss Cecelia Warfield, assistant, (acting.) Fifth district, No. 3, W. C. Lipscomb, Jr. Sixth district, No. 3, to be supplied. Seventh district, No. 3, Mrs. Julia E. York, principal; Miss Mandana J. Brown, first assistant; Miss Delia M. Tingle, third assistant; Miss Ellen Emery, second assistant. Eighth district, No. 4, Charles N. Otey, principal; Miss Isadore M. Smith, first assistant; Miss Mary F. Hobson, second assistant; Miss Annie J. Evans, third assistant. Ninth district, No. 4, Joseph R. Keene, principal in charge and supervising principal of the county schools; W. E. Nalley, first assistant, (acting;) Miss Indie A. Wineberger, second assistant. Tenth district, No. 4, Robert L. Mitchell. Eleventh district, No. 5, Miss Agnes A. Farley. Twelfth district, No. 5, John C. Nalle. Thirteenth district, No. 6, to be supplied. Fourteenth district, No. 6, Joseph H. Voorhees, principal; Miss Annie M. Briggs, assistant. Fifteenth district, No. 7, Henry S. Petty, principal; Miss Mary B. Malone, first assistant; Mrs. C. A. L. K. White, second assistant; Miss Rachel J. Steele, third assistant. Sixteenth district, No. 7, Mrs. Sarah A. Shimm. Seventeenth district, No. 7, H. P. Montgomery, principal, (acting;) Miss Frances E. Hall, first assistant; Miss Emma Patterson, second assistant; Mrs. Mary T. Benjamin, third assistant. Eighteenth district, No. 7, Peter S. Lesh.

Report adopted and nominations confirmed.

Mr. Champlin, from the Committee on Accounts and Supplies, reported the following bills for approval:

William Ballantyne, \$1; J. W. Barker, \$16.15; John Barry, \$6.15; H. Becket, \$15; Robert Boyd, \$11.75; C. Clark, \$5; Jackson Deville, \$18; J. Edmunds, \$5; John Esputa, \$5; W. W. Farr, \$4.17; N. B. Fugitt, \$1.94; C. B. Graham, Jr., \$104.85; John Haines, \$30; A. Hart, \$389.33; T. W. Hunster, \$11.25; Walter Jackson, \$10; Judd & Detweiler, \$8; Samuel Lewis, \$139.95, \$53.95—\$193.90; Charles Lindenman, \$5; Nicholas Lochboehler, \$6.25; W. C. Lycett, \$29.50; W. J. Murtagh, \$9.75; McGill & Witherow, \$1,012.84; J. W. McKnight, \$12.90; R. A. Macomb, \$27.25; Sam. Parks, \$8; Pettit & Dripps, \$27.75; Robinson Bros., \$8; Joseph L. Savage, \$3.85; J. J. Young, \$150; C. W. Thorn, \$10.12, \$31.47—\$41.59. Total, \$2,179.17.

Approved.

Also the following :

Statement of the expenses of the Public Schools of the District of Columbia for the school year 1875-'76.

	White Schools of Washington.					Total.	White schools of Georgetown.		County Schools.	Colored schools of Washington and Georgetown.	Grand total.
	1st. dist.	2d dist.	3d dist.	4th dist.	5th dist.		6th dist.	7th dist.			
Salaries of teachers.....					\$130,117 25		\$14,075 00	\$26,850 00	\$63,805 73	\$234,847 98	
Salaries of janitors and sweeps.....						8,791 20	1,240 00	1,425 95	6,648 00	18,105 15	
Rent of school-rooms..	\$4,376 78	\$12,529 15	\$4,375 00	\$675 00	21,955 93	21,955 93	135 00	24 00	2,228 32	24,343 25	
Fuel and stove fixtures.	2,364 85	1,967 79	4,327 98	1,382 12	10,042 74	10,042 74	1,219 87	1,725 87	3,619 31	16,607 79	
General supplies.....	1,464 69	1,528 87	1,533 00	1,786 22	6,312 78	6,312 78	1,400 78	1,584 46	2,282 31	11,580 33	
Contingent expenses...	4,341 73	3,385 67	3,628 80	2,373 57	13,729 77	13,729 77	3,148 10	4,866 01	7,645 06	29,388 94	
School furniture.....	658 21	1,475 70	666 41		2,800 32	2,800 32	490 79	933 90	2,036 35	6,261 36	
Total.....	\$13,206 26	\$20,887 18	\$14,531 19	\$6,216 91	\$193,749 99	\$193,749 99	\$21,709 54	\$37,410 19	\$88,265 08	\$341,134 80	

We certify that the above statement is correct.

E. CHAMPLIN,
R. B. DETRICK,
EDMUND F. FRENCH,
HENRY JOHNSON,
ROBERT REYBURN,
JOHN H. BROOKS,
F. W. MOFFAT,
B. F. PACKARD,
Committee on Supplies and Accounts.

Mr. Detrick, from the Committee on Text-books, submitted the following :

Resolved, That Swinton's Geographies be, and the same are hereby, adopted for use in the Public Schools of the District of Columbia from and after the commencement of the next ensuing school year, in place of the books in the same study now in use : *Provided*, That no additional expense shall be made necessary to parents or pupils in consequence of this change in text-books, and that pupils having the proper text-books heretofore in use shall not be required to purchase others.

R. B. DETRICK,
HENRY JOHNSON,
F. W. MOFFAT.

adopted p. 130

Mr. Brown submitted the following minority report :

The undersigned, a minority of the Committee on Text-books, begs leave to dissent from the recommendation of the majority that the Swinton Geographies be adopted for use in the Public Schools of Washington and Georgetown for the following reasons, in brief :

Before the stated June meeting of this Board the committee met and, in response to previous resolutions of the Board referred to it, agreed upon a report to supersede the present series of Geographies, and to recommend the Eclectic Geographies, Nos. 1 and 2, in lieu thereof. At the meeting of the committee the agent of the "Our World" Geographies informed the committee in writing that he could procure the plates of, and his publishers would bind, the Apgar Treatise on Map-drawing in their second book at little or no extra cost to the pupils in case the Board should adopt their Geographies as text-books. A similar proposition was made by the agent of the Eclectic Geographies, provided they could make arrangements with the publishers of the Apgar Treatise for its use ; and since the Apgar map-drawing is now a separate text-book, costing 75 cents, the committee thought it would be in the interest of economy thus to have the treatise in the Geography itself as it was already in the Swinton Geographies, the only other series which the committee believed to come within the scope required by the Board. At a subsequent meeting of the committee, just before the meeting of the Board, the chairman submitted to the Committee a report and resolution, to substitute the Eclectic Geographies for the Cornell, in accordance with the order of the Committee, and both the report and the resolution were approved by the members as correct. At the meeting of the Board, the chairman submitted the report of the Committee, but withheld the resolution. At an adjourned meeting of the Board, the chairman withheld the resolution. A reason was then stated for so doing, that Mr. Swinton and Mr. Perkins, the author and agent of the Swinton Geographies, being present in Washington, had declared to members of the Committee, that the Eclectic Geographies could not furnish the Apgar treatise, because the publishers of the Swinton Geographies had purchased the plates, and were the sole owners of the same. At a second adjourned meeting of the Board, the chairman withheld the resolution, though the undersigned called for it in open session of this Board. Shortly after that time, the members of the Committee were informed by the agent of the Eclectic, that his house had made provisional arrangement with the publishers of Apgar, by which it could furnish the treatise in case the Eclectic Geographies should be adopted. Since then, at the last meeting of the Committee, it appeared that both Mr. Swinton and Mr. Perkins had been here in Washington, and had shown dispatches from Apgar and from his publishers, to the effect that they had made no arrangement with the publishers of the Eclectic Geogra-

phies to furnish the latter the Appar plates or sheets, and Mr. Swinton had assured members that the Eclectic publishers could not procure them.

Whereupon a reconsideration of the previous recommendation of the Committee was ordered, and a majority thereof voted to recommend the Swinton series of geographies for adoption in this District; whereas at the first meeting of the Committee this series received the vote of only one member.

Believing that the above result was brought about by the authors of the Swinton series and an agent of his publishers by statements not in accordance with facts and by improper means, to thwart the free action of the Committee, and to force upon it a series of Geographies which the judgment of the Committee never approved, the undersigned begs leave to recommend, in all reason and fairness, that the Eclectic, instead of the Swinton Geographies, be adopted in lieu of Cornell's, as originally directed by the Committee. He also desires opportunity to point out to the Board the very numerous defects and inaccuracies of the Swinton Geographies, believing, as he does that they are entirely unsuited to the wants of our Public Schools.

J. S. BROWN,
Member of Committee on Text-Books.

Ordered, that both reports do lie on the table as unfinished business for future consideration of the Board.

Mr. PACKARD submitted the following :

Whereas the text-books on Geographies now in use in the Public Schools are unsatisfactory *in matter*, and involve an outlay for each pupil of \$4.65, which is *too great* an outlay, and ought to be reduced; therefore, in order to secure *better* books at *less* expense, it is ordered by the Trustees of Public Schools, two-thirds thereof concurring—

1st. That Cornell's Geographies be stricken from the list of text-books prescribed for use in the Public Schools.

2d. That instructions in Geography shall hereafter be conducted by topics, so that more than one Geography may be used, and those pupils now having Cornell's or other Geographies, may continue to use them, and shall not be required to purchase the books hereinafter prescribed; but when new books are to be purchased they shall be the books hereinafter prescribed.

3d. That — Geographies are hereby prescribed for use in the Public Schools for the District of Columbia.

Referred to Committee on Text Books.

Mr. REYBURN, from the Committee on Drawing and Penmanship, submitted the following :

The Committee on Drawing and Penmanship nominated Mrs. Susan E. Fuller as teacher of Drawing in the Public Schools of Washington, and Miss Annie M. Wilson as an assistant teacher of Drawing for the ensuing school year; the compensation to be the same as paid this year.

ROBERT REYBURN, M. D.
G. W. MITCHELL.
WM. P. RYDER.

Nominations confirmed.

Mr. LLOYD submitted the following :

The Sub-Board of the Fourth District renominated Miss Mary Moran as teacher of Primary No. —.

Confirmed.

Mr. REYBURN submitted estimates for repairs to school building corner Nineteenth and H streets.

Referred to Committee on Property.

Also the following:

Resolved, That the honorable Commissioners of the District of Columbia are respectfully requested to place all the documents and papers relative to the Public Schools and free education, now in their possession, in the office of and in the custody of the Superintendents of Public Schools.

Adopted.

Mr. MITCHELL submitted the following :

Resolved, That whenever the Sub-Board of any District shall fail to agree on any nomination for the position of teacher, the matter shall be referred to the proper Committee on Teachers, together with the Sub-Board in whose District the vacancy is to be filled, with power to report a name for such vacancy.

Referred to Committee on Rules.

Mr. DYER called up the report of the Committee on Teachers of the White Schools of Washington, under date of June 30, 1876, and submitted to this Board the same date.

Mr. BROWN moved to (vide pages 8 and 9, Minutes June 25, 1876)

Amend by inserting after the word "fourth," in the fifth line, striking out the words "and sixth" in the same line, and insert after the word "District" in the same line, the words "and the highest grade of female white schools in the Sixth District."

Mr. MITCHELL moved to amend the amendments by striking out the word "white."

Not agreed to by the following vote :

YEAS—Messrs. Brooks, Detrick, Johnson, Mitchell, and Ryder—5.

NAYS—Messrs. Brown, Brooke, Champlin, Curtis, Dyer, French, Hovey, Lloyd, Packard, Smith, and Reyburn—11.

The yeas and nays were demanded on the amendment of Mr. Brown, which was rejected by the following vote :

YEAS—Messrs. Brown, Brooke, Curtis, and Packard—4.

NAYS—Messrs. Brooks, Champlin, Detrick, Dyer, French, Hovey, Johnson, Lloyd, Mitchell, Ryder, Smith, and Reyburn—12.

The report and recommendation of the Committee was then adopted.

Mr. CHAMPLIN called up the report of the Committee on Property relative to quarters for Janitors of Wallach and Lincoln buildings.

Referred back to the Committee, with instructions to consult with the Sub-Board, and recommend proper changes to be made to the Hon. Commissioners of the District of Columbia.

Mr. BROOKS offered the following, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the Committee on Property be, and is hereby directed, to prepare a statement of all repairs to the Public School buildings in the District of Columbia necessary to be done during the present vacation ; and that the several Sub-Boards inform said Committee immediately of all repairs absolutely necessary in their opinion to be done at this time ; and when said statement is fully prepared, the same shall be presented to the Hon. Commissioners of the District of Columbia, and their approval and authority to have the repairs done requested.

On motion, the Board then adjourned.

The Secretary presented the following statement of F. Coyle, Esq., Comptroller, of all the warrants drawn on account of Public Schools in the District of Columbia, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1876.

REGULAR MEETING.

FRANKLIN SCHOOL BUILDING, *August 8, 1876.*

The Board of Trustees of Public Schools in and for the District of Columbia met on the above date ; W. W. Curtis, Esq., in the chair ; Mr. John H. Brooks, secretary.

Members present : Messrs. Brown, Brooke, Champlin, Detrick, Dyer, Ferguson, French, Hovey, Johnson, Lloyd, Mitchell, Moffatt, Packard, Randolph, Ryder, Smith, and Reyburn.

The reading of the journal was dispensed with, and the minutes of the previous meeting approved as printed.

The Secretary read the following communication for information of the Board :

AUDITOR'S OFFICE, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, COLUMBIAN BUILDING,
Washington, July 21, 1876.

J. O. WILSON, Esq.,
Superintendent of Public Schools :

In reply to yours of the 19th inst., asking to be furnished the cost of the Abbot School Building, including the payments for the heating apparatus and for services of the Architect, I will state that the following are the payments made on account of said school building :

James G. Naylor, erection of building.....	\$21,531 00
T. M. Plowman, services as architect.....	971 80
Golet's Heater Co., heating apparatus.....	3,130 00
Robinson Bros. & Co., window guards.....	79 00

Total for Abbot Building..... \$25,711 80

Very respectfully, &c. &c.,

JOHN T. VINSON,
Auditor, D. C.

The following applications for position of teacher in the Public Schools were presented :

Levi D. Barnes, Baltimore, Md.; Esther M. Bootes, Georgetown; Jas. C. Wilderman, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. F. T. Scott, Washington, D. C.; Sarah E. Adams, Boston, Mass.; Helen A. Shaw, Boston, Mass.; Dexter A. Smith, Waukegan, Ill.; S. D. Caldwell; Joseph Wattermeyer, for janitor; John C. Conoway, for janitor; James M. Wills, for janitor; Henry Jackson, for janitor; John Brashears, teacher of music.

Referred to Superintendents and Committees.

A communication was received from L. B. Allen relative to his appointment as teacher in the Public Schools.

Referred to Committee on Teachers of White Schools in Washington.

Mr. MOFFATT from the Sub-Board of the Fifth District nominated Miss Kate M. Blundon as acting teacher of Male Primary No. 9.; also, Milton C. Dent, as assistant teacher of Male Grammar School, at a salary of \$800.

W. W. CURTIS.
F. W. MOFFATT.

Confirmed.

Mr. LLOYD from the Sub-Board of the Fourth District nominated Mrs. Sarah H. Allen as teacher of Primary School No. 10, and Miss Anna Whitmore for Secondary No. 8.

B. F. LLOYD,
E. CHAMPLIN.

Mr. PACKARD from the Committee on Teachers of the Sixth District submitted the following report :

Washington, D. C., August 8, 1876.

GENTLEMEN: Your committee to whom was referred the communication of Mr. F. Lugenbeel to the Honorable Commissioners, and by them transmitted to this Board for information, respectfully submit the following report :

Mr. Lugenbeel first says: "The committee upon the appointment of teachers in Washington County desired to remove me from my present position. I have conversed with the members of said committee, and they express no dissatisfaction with me, either officially or personally."

Inasmuch as teachers are appointed for one year only, it necessarily follows that their offices are vacant at the close of a school year—consequently there can be no removal. Your committee, therefore, only considered the advisability of reappointing Mr. Lugenbeel to his former position, and desires to state in general terms that Mr. Lugenbeel as an instructor of youth does not come up to the standard that we consider necessary, and *he has been so informed by members of this committee.*

Secondly, he says: "The change is simply for the purpose of filling my position with a friend of one of the trustees. The trustee referred to has never entered my school, and is totally destitute of any information concerning it personally."

Your committee pronounce the first clause contained in this charge as *unqualifiedly false*; as to the last clause, the trustees supposed to be referred to, was not required to visit Mr. Lugenbeel's school, since the school is not in that trustee's district, nor under his special supervision.

The facts in the case are that Mr. Shippen's application was presented, and he was first recommended by Trustee Smith. Prof. Mitchell men-

tioned several other reliable colored men that are applicants for positions as teachers in the County Schools, and it was at the suggestion of Trustee Packard that Mr. Shippen was designated as the successor of Mr. Lugenebeel.

Thirdly, he says: "The trustee of my district refused to sanction the proposed change, or nominate the party suggested to supply my place: but the committee, contrary to precedent, refused to him the usual courtesy of nominating the teachers who were to be under his personal supervision."

The Board is aware that the old list of county teachers was nominated *pro forma* and referred to your committee for investigation and report. Mr. Brooke, the trustee in charge of the first and second districts, was invited to set with the committee while considering the nominations for those districts, and heard the deliberations of the committee on each case as they came up in their order. The Sub-Board was immediately thereafter convened, and Mr. Brooke requested to make other nominations for the colored schools under his supervision. Mr. Brooke said he was not acquainted with any good colored teachers, and for that reason he would prefer to have some other member of the Sub-Board make the nominations for said schools—as an act of courtesy. Trustee Mitchell was requested to do so.

It will be seen by a copy of our report of the 11th ultimo, herewith submitted, that, for the reasons set forth in said report, the policy, qualifications being equal, of supplying colored schools with colored teachers has been adopted. In this particular case it is believed by your committee that the condition of the school will be improved.

Your committee trust that, in view of the facts herein set forth, the propriety of their action will be apparent.

Respectfully submitted:

B. F. PACKARD,
J. S. BROWN,
G. W. MITCHELL,

Committee on Teachers for the County Schools.

And moved that the report be accepted as the reply of the Board to the honorable Commissioners, and that the nomination of J. M. Shippen as acting teacher of school No. 4, 2d District, be confirmed. *ad. rd. co.*
Adopted.

Mr. RANDOLPH, from the Committee on Teachers, to whom was referred the nominations of Miss R. J. Day and Mrs. M. E. R. Nevitt for the position of principal of the Female Grammar School of the First District, after careful consideration of all the facts in the case, would recommend the confirmation of Miss Rachael J. Day as principal.

JOHN RANDOLPH.
GEO. W. DYER.
CHAS. E. HOVEY.
F. W. MOFFATT.
B. F. LLOYD.

Dr. REYBURN offered the following substitute:

"That the name of Mrs. M. E. R. Nevitt be substituted for the name of Miss Jennie R. Day as principal of the Female Grammar School of First District."

Not agreed to by the following vote:

YEAS—Brooke, Brooks, Ferguson, Johnson, Ryder, and Reyburn—6.
 NAYS—Brown, Champlin, Curtis, Detrick, Dyer, French, Hovey, Lloyd, Mitchell, Moffat, Packard, Randolph, and Smith—13.

Also the following :

The Committee on Teachers to whom was referred the nominations of Mrs. M. E. R. Nevitt as teacher of First Female Intermediate School, of Eugene D. Harrington as teacher of First Female Intermediate School, both of first district, also of Edward A. Paul, as assistant in Male Grammar School of said district, would respectfully recommend the confirmation of the appointment of the same.

JOHN RANDOLPH.
 GEO. W. DYER.
 CHAS. E. HOVEY.
 F. W. MOFFATT.
 B. F. LLOYD.

Adopted.

The Committee on Teachers to whom were referred the following nominations from the first district, to wit, Henry N. Copp and R. M. McKee for supervising principal of that district, would respectfully report :

That having fully considered the evidence in relation to the past school record of Mr. McKee, and the credentials presented by Mr. Copp, they have determined to recommend the confirmation of Henry N. Copp, as principal of the first district.

JOHN RANDOLPH.
 GEO. W. DYER.
 CHAS. E. HOVEY.

Dr. REYBURN offered the following as a substitute :

"That the name of Mr. R. M. McKee be substituted for the name of Mr. Henry N. Copp as principal of First District Male Grammar School."

Lost.

The report was then agreed to.

Mr. RANDOLPH, from the Committee on Teachers, submitted the following report :

At the meeting of the Board, June 26, 1876, the nomination of John E. Thompson as supervising principal of the fourth district was referred to the Committee on Teachers.

A full hearing of the case has been had, extending through four protracted sessions of the Committee, during which twenty-eight witnesses were examined and a large mass of documentary evidence filed.

The objections of Mr. Champlin, as member of the sub-board of the fourth district, to the appointment of Mr. Thompson, and which led to the reference of the case to this Committee, were, at the request of the Committee, reduced to writing, and are as follows:

To the Committee on Teachers :

GENTLEMEN : I have felt it my duty not to concur with my colleague in renominating Mr. John E. Thompson to the office of principal of the Fourth District Schools for the ensuing year.

Some reasons for non-concurring were stated by me in a general way on a former occasion, and were repeated at the opening of this investigation.

The office of principal, as at present constituted, is one of complex duties, and it does not follow that a man who can perform some of these duties well, can necessarily, and for that reason, perform them all well.

I have never denied Mr. John E. Thompson's ability to teach the pupils of a single school acceptably; but I have questioned, and do question, his qualifications or fitness to perform the duties of principal acceptably; and while protesting that Mr. Thompson is a private citizen, not in the employ of the Board, and he has no more right to demand of me that I shall prefer charges against him and sustain them as a condition precedent to my right to vote for S. John Thomson, than S. John Thomson has to demand of Mr. Lloyd that he shall prefer charges against him and sustain them as a condition precedent to his right to vote for John E. Thompson. Nevertheless, I have no objection to stating again and a little more in detail, the reasons which have led me to the conclusion that Mr. John E. Thompson is not well adapted to perform the duties of the office of principal, and that Mr. S. John Thomson should be given a trial in that office.

1. I fully believe that Mr. S. John Thomson is more likely to be useful in the office of principal of the Fourth District Schools than Mr. John E. Thompson. This reason is controlling, unless I yield my convictions of duty, violate my oath of office and abandon the just rights of the children of the Fourth District, to subserve the interest of a single individual.

2. Mr. S. John Thomson, when formerly engaged in the Public Schools, was the leader, his school having taken the highest honor—the Kendall Scholarship—seven times to anybody's else once.

3. While employed in the Public Schools he gave his whole time and energy to them, and did not seek out other and outside avocations. He is an educator and nothing else. When we employ him, we know we shall get all there is of him, be that more or less.

4. Mr. John E. Thompson has occupations of a business nature, not connected, even remotely, with his school duties. The faithful performance of this outside business must occupy some time and attention, and to that extent must divert from his office that efficiency which results from entire concentration of time and mind upon one calling. A teacher needs his time *out* of school for rest and for studious preparation for his duties *in* school.

5. He has disregarded the rule of the Board, requiring principals to be in their offices thirty minutes before the time for opening each morning session of their schools, and has seldom been found in or about the school buildings during the long recess between 12 and 1 o'clock, a time when the presence of the principal is much to be desired, and has not satisfactorily cared for the conduct of the pupils immediately after their dismissal from school.

6. He has not been satisfactorily efficient in protecting the public property under his control from unnecessary injury.

7. He has not been satisfactorily efficient in securing and maintaining order and cleanliness in his own school room, or cleanliness in and about the outhouses or privies connected with the school buildings, for which he is made by the rules specially responsible.

8. He has failed so to supervise and control the annual written examinations of the schools in his District, and especially of his own school, as to insure trustworthy results. So poorly, not to use a harsher word, has he attended to this important and very delicate duty, that grave suspicions of wrong-doing and unfairness have gone abroad; and thus, under his management, has doubt and probable dishonor been brought to the door of the old Fourth District.

9. He has allowed a certificate to be filed in the office of the Superintendent respecting one of these examinations, which is untrue as to an important fact.

10. Under his administration feuds between parents and principal have grown up in the District to a considerable extent; and whether the fault be theirs or his, these feuds are not likely to be allayed by his reappointment.

11. These feuds have to some extent spread among the friends of the immediate parties, and have thus increased the mischief.

There are one or two related matters which I deem proper to state in this connection.

(A) Mr. Thompson has announced that his friends, if he is not re-elected, will take the matter in hand, and will have a certain Trustee (meaning me) put out of office in less than ten days. "I don't propose to black Champlin's boots, and will spend \$500 dollars to show him up and maintain my cause."

(B) His "next friend," Mr. Crosby Noyes, has already begun the "showing up" business by printing and publishing in his newspaper a scurrillous attack on me. (*Star* July 1st.)

(C) His "next friend" has also taken the whole Board in hand, and has printed and published in his newspaper injurious allegations against its members indiscriminately, (no one is named,) which allegations, are so far as I know and believe, wholly untrue. The article referred to, (*Star* June 30th,) and others subsequently printed and published, indicate a conspiracy between Mr. John E. Thompson and his "next friend" to coerce the Board into the re-election of said Thompson, whether they can conscientiously do so or not.

Respectfully,

E. CHAMPLIN.

WASHINGTON, D. C., August 2, 1876.

The demand of Mr. Thompson for a thorough investigation led the Committee not to confine the inquiry strictly to the points presented by Mr. C. in his paper, but to admit all evidence offered *pro* and *con* affecting Mr. Thompson's official or personal status. Nor was the hearing of testimony in his behalf closed until, in response to the question of the chairman, he said that he had nothing further to offer.

The Committee, after due consideration of all the facts, have failed to reach a unanimous conclusion.

In the judgment of the majority of the Committee, the nomination of John E. Thompson should not be confirmed, and they so recommend.

The undersigned, constituting two of said majority, submit the following statement of the principal facts of the case and their conclusions thereon:

1. *Care of public school property.*

The Committee, after hearing all the evidence offered as to the condition of the furniture and appurtenances of the male department of the Jefferson School Building, made a personal inspection of the same.

The school furniture of the ten boys' schools in this building was all new four years ago, with the exception of Mr. Thompson's and one other set, both of which, however, were put in good repair at that time.

The present condition of this furniture shows that it has had very bad usage; and, without going into details, it may suffice to say that its condition contrasts very unfavorably with that of the furniture in the male departments of Seaton, Wallach, and Franklin Buildings, which may be

taken as representatives of the three other school districts of this city; and this comparison is the more damaging when the relative length of time the furniture in these several buildings has been in use is taken into account. The undersigned, upon the close of the hearing of the case, visited the above buildings, in order to assure themselves of the facts by a personal examination.

The conclusion which the present mutilated condition of this furniture compels us to is that such a result proves that the standard of good order, neatness, and care required by the rules of this Board, and generally upheld in the other districts, has not been properly enforced here, and that a sufficiently vigilant supervision has not been maintained by the supervising principal over the vicious and destructive habits of boys under his care.

For the improper location, defective construction, and inadequate accommodations of the water-closets the principal cannot be held responsible, and that such a nuisance should be suffered to remain in its present condition reflects no credit upon the local trustees. Still, the effects of indecent violence here so plainly apparent, and which have all been wrought within two years, again compel the conclusion that the principal has failed to properly restrain the gross improprieties of boys of these schools while on or about the premises; and, from the evidence had upon the hearing, we are led to infer that this failure results more from want of tact, plan, and management than from inattention or negligence.

It appears from the evidence that Mr. Thompson was placed in general charge of the Jefferson Building immediately upon its occupancy four years ago; that a copy of printed regulations, adopted by the sub-board of that district (one of which regulations specifically assigns to the principal of the male grammar school the general care of the building), was officially delivered to Mr. Thompson.

This was in pursuance of a well-established practice in the public schools throughout the city, before the creation of the office of supervising principal, of entrusting to the sole or principal male teacher in buildings containing a number of schools chiefly taught by young ladies the general care and supervision of the property, especially of the out-door appurtenances. Mr. Thompson's responsibility for the general care of said building dates, therefore, from the time the schools first convened in it.

The fact that Mr. T. has not been properly sustained by a discordant sub-board during the past year, nor had the most efficient services of a janitor, should not change the verdict of a jury on the count of official responsibility; but it might, were there no other counts, induce the judge to mitigate the severity of the sentence.

2. *Written examinations.*

The evidence relating to the annual written examination of Mr. Thompson's school in June last shows that the sealed packets containing the questions were opened by the principal (or his son) in advance of the time designated on said packets in writing by the Superintendent; that the pupils communicated with each other while the examination was in progress; that the method of revising the work by an exchange of papers by the teachers of the male and female grammar schools, as directed by the Superintendent, was changed during the progress of the examination without authority from the Superintendent; that this change was suggested by Mrs. Martin, of the female grammar school, because she thought Mr. E. Thompson, the assistant, was not satisfied with the marking; that by too liberal marking the average percentage of Mr. Thompson's school was

raised at least ten per cent., on his own admission, above what it ought to have been ; that the marking in the male grammar school of the second district (Mr. Gage) was also made by its own principal with consent of the Superintendent, first obtained, and the average is twenty per cent. lower than that of Mr. Thompson's school ; that he (Mr. T.) did not give the matter his personal attention at all.

These facts taken together go to shake our confidence in the fidelity of the principal, as well as in the reliability of the result reached by an examination thus conducted.

3. *Personal habits.*

The principal facts in evidence as to the personal habits of John E. Thompson are these, as testified to under oath by several witnesses ; or, as admitted by himself, he has used tobacco in the school-room, although its use is forbidden to the pupil by our rules. He has so far at times lost his self-control as to call his pupils liars. He has been seen by his pupils to frequent public drinking saloons in the city, and has been seen by them while there to take intoxicating liquors. He has been frequently seen by citizens entering such places out of his school district during school hours. He admits that he drinks, at public bars in this city, beer and whisky. He declares that he does not drink to intoxication, and that his indulgence is so moderate as not to interfere with his duties ; that in the use of whisky he is simply obeying the instructions of his physician.

These facts, in our judgment, present a very serious aspect of this case.

The teacher is in *loco parentis*, and if the example of the parent is so controlling upon the life of his child, the example of the teacher is equally so. The habits of teachers—so important a matter as the use of intoxicating drinks—cannot be ignored by those upon whom their fellow-citizens have imposed the sworn trust of choosing public instructors for their children.

The plea that the use is so moderate as not to disqualify him for his school work, does not touch the question of the pernicious influence of such an example upon boys. It is not *how much* he drinks, but that it is his practice to visit public bars, and that his boys know it.

Neither will the set-off of acting under medical prescription avail, because a man drinking whisky under the advice of a physician, need not, and he certainly would not, unless a man of social habits so-called, drink openly at public bars. When the doctor finds his patient pursuing such a course, he generally orders a halt.

It is very humiliating that it appears in evidence that Mr. T. has taken the social glass at public bars, not only with members of this Board and ex-trustees who now advocate his reappointment, but with those also who oppose it.

This only makes it the more imperative for this Board to place itself by its action in this case squarely on the side of public morals, and to determine, at least so far as this precedent can fix it, that the training of our youth shall not be committed to those whose example may in anywise tempt to ruin.

This case has excited a painful interest, not only from the facts developed, but from the long and successful career of Mr. Thompson as a teacher. The expectations raised by his former success as a teacher, have not been realized in his new position of supervising principal, and the committee would willingly have thrown over his personal faults the man-

tle of charity, had not this public exhibit been compelled by the indiscreet acts of some of his friends.

JOHN RANDOLPH.
GEO. W. DYER.

I concur in the conclusion of my associates, Messrs. Randolph and Dyer.

CHAS. E. HOVEY.

Mr. LLOYD submitted the following minority report from same Committee:

The undersigned minority of the Committee on Teachers respectfully report that, after a very careful examination of the evidence in the case of John E. Thompson, we are unable to concur in the conclusions of the majority report for the following reasons:

That the allegations that Mr. Thompson has not taken proper care of the school property, as Supervising Principal of said District, has not been sustained by any evidence, but, on the contrary, proof has been elicited that the school property is in as good condition *now* as when he took charge of it, as Supervising Principal, two years ago, reasonable wear excepted. A personal examination of Jefferson School Building by the Committee developed the fact that the desks in the Male Grammar School, having been in use ten years, are in better condition than other desks in the same building that had been used only four years. As to the water-closets on the male side of the building, situated two hundred feet in the rear, it clearly appears, from the evidence, that the Principal is not in fault for their condition, inasmuch as the Janitor is absent much of the time during the school hours attending to his private business elsewhere.

The success and efficiency of Mr. Thompson as a teacher are sustained by abundant testimony, and is admitted by the Committee and Superintendent. Mr. Thompson's efficiency as a teacher was not questioned by the Committee. Mr. Thompson's qualifications as a Supervising Principal and teacher having been proved or admitted at the very last moment, an effort was made to attack his private character as a man. A formidable list of restaurants and principal hotels was presented, and an inquiry was made whether Mr. Thompson had been in all of these restaurants. Mr. Thompson, in order to save time and avoid any appearance of concealment, frankly admitted that he may have, in the course of a life-time residence in this city, visited any, or perhaps all, of them chiefly for lunch, and he positively denied visiting them as a habit for the purpose of using intoxicating drinks. Although a declaration was made that witnesses were present to prove that he had been in all of these places, not one of them was asked to specify one, and the aggregate of the proof of all the witnesses together was that he might have been in restaurants or hotels a dozen times within the last two or three years. To this may be added the testimony of Mr. Ballantyne, to the effect that he had seen Mr. Thompson in past years, and much less frequently during last year, going into restaurants about noon. Mr. Ballantyne does not testify as to his drinking. The evidence shows that Mr. Thompson received invitations from Trustees to visit restaurants and drink with them, but no word of reproof was ever given by a Trustee that the example was bad for his pupils. There was not a scintilla of evidence adduced that Mr. Thompson had ever drunk with, or in the presence of, his pupils, or ever been in the least under the influence of liquor. There is no rule of the Board interdicting a Trustee or teacher from entering a hotel or restaurant, and

it is difficult to conceive any reason why the example of a Trustee is less important than that of a teacher.

In the case of Mr. Thompson the evidence shows that, so far from having been reproved for his course, he has been encouraged in it by the Trustees. Mr. Thompson having lived forty-five years in this community, where the views in regard to this matter are not so rigid as in some more northern cities, it is not surprising that he fell in with the customs of the people among whom he has lived so long. It would not be unreasonable to expect that those who entertain different views should at least caution and reprove before undertaking to inflict the extreme penalty for nonconcurrency with them. In all points of morals and practice, in which there is any common agreement of opinion, Mr. Thompson is not only above reproach, but is a fit example for the youth of this city. The charge that Mr. Thompson has called boys in school "liars," testified to by two or three ex-pupils, who evidently appeared to be influenced by personal hostility, is flatly contradicted by the testimony of thirty pupils, who have been attending his school during the last three or four years contemporaneous with the boys who testified adversely. The statement of these pupils is hereto annexed, and is made a part of this report.

For twenty-seven years Mr. Thompson has been a teacher in the Public Schools of this city, annually receiving from the Trustees the strongest expressions of their approval. Wherever the schools are known his name is mentioned with honor. Hundreds of our best citizens are living testimonials to his efficiency. No stain rests upon his character—even discoverable by the microscopic inspections of this investigation. The charges originally alleged against him have been disproved or abandoned. The confidence so long reposed in him has not been shaken. All of the ex-Trustees of the District, with two exceptions, which he has so long served, with many of his old pupils, representing hundreds more, have testified in the strongest terms to his efficiency as a teacher and Supervising Principal and the almost unanimous desire of the people of that District for his retention.

To remove him would be not only to disregard the wishes of those most interested, but it would be a blow at the confidence of the public in the management of our Public Schools.

The minority of the Committee therefore recommend that Mr. John E. Thompson be confirmed as Teacher and Supervising Principal of the Fourth District.

F. W. MOFFATT.
B. F. LLOYD.

Mr. CHAMPLIN, from the Committee on Supplies and Accounts, submitted the following bills for approval:

J. L. Andem, \$30.00; Thos. S. Bell, \$2.00; S. B. Boarman, executor, \$60.00; Wm. H. Craven, \$4.00; Charles Davis, \$32.50; Richard A. Frere, \$33.50; B. D. Gallagher, \$26.55; Albert Gleason, \$350; Charles Lindenman, \$60.00; N. Lochboehler, \$50.00; McGill & Witherow, \$2.00; Mayfield & Hieston, \$13.75; National Republican, \$4.00; Fielding Robinson, \$3.00; Jos. L. Savage, \$112.70; Julius Strobel, \$8.80; Charles Suskey, \$20.00; C. C. Wilson, \$52.50; Rich'd A. Macomb, \$35.25, \$8.00—\$43.25. Total, \$908.55.

Approved.

Mr. Champlin, from the select committee, reported as follows:

To the Board of Trustees of Public Schools of the District of Columbia:

GENTLEMEN: The undersigned select committee, appointed at the May meeting of your Board to investigate abuses alleged in letter of William Syphax, returned herewith, respectfully report that they addressed the following communication to Mr. Syphax:

WILLIAM SYPHAX, Esq.

"WASHINGTON, D. C., June 5, 1876.

DEAR SIR: I am directed by the select committee of three, to whom your communication to the Commissioners of the District of Columbia was referred by the School Board, to request you to furnish them with the charges and specifications against the colored sub-board and Miss Matthews, teacher in Grammar School No. 1, Sumner Building, so that the accused may know seasonably what the particular charges are, and also that the proofs may be confined within due limits.

You will understand that you must make your specifications of charges full and distinct, as, after any evidence is taken, the committee will not allow new charges to be made.

When this is done, the committee will appoint an early day for the hearing, of which you will have seasonable notice.

Very respectfully,

(Signed)

E. CHAMPLIN,
Chairman of Committee."

And received the following answer:

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 8, 1876.

E. CHAMPLIN, Esq.,

Trustee and Chairman Special Committee:

SIR: In reply to your letter of the 5th inst., informing me that my communication of May 6th to the Commissioners of the District of Columbia had been referred to the Special Committee, of which you are chairman, I would respectfully state that I do charge that the statements and reports made to your Board by the Colored Sub-Board, and also that of the teacher, Miss Matthews, are not true. In my communication to the Commissioners you will observe that I made the request that the Sub-Board and the teacher against whom I made the charge be required to support their statements under oath, and that myself and others be allowed to do the same. I am ready to appear before the committee authorized to fully investigate this matter, as requested in my communication to the Commissioners, and do respectfully request that the Colored Sub-Board, Miss E. V. Brown, principal of Sumner School, and Miss Matthews, teacher in room No. 1, with her school record, may be present, and, with myself, support our statements under oath. No just and honest person can hesitate to do this.

I am, sir, very respectfully yours,

W. SYPHAX,
1641 P Street, N. W.

FEBRUARY 23, 1876.

To Mr. G. F. T. COOK,

Sup't Colored Schools:

SIR: Having been instructed by Miss Brown to furnish the office with a written statement concerning my conduct to Mr. Syphax this morning, I

would state that I did ask Mr. Syphax from the school-room because he tried to compel the children to listen to him while he told them what he termed their rights. His manner during the whole time was extremely disagreeable and annoying—so much so that I was obliged to leave the room entirely. While in the room I forbade him talking to the pupils, as he insisted upon telling them they should not be treated like dogs. I then asked him out. He also tried to impress upon my mind clearly that it would be Judgment day, and every hair of my head turned as white as my apron, before his daughter should ask my pardon for leaving the school-room on Monday without permission. I do not know of any other charge he could make, unless it be this, that when in the class-room he told me his daughter had better breeding than I had, I called him an impudent man.

Hoping this will prove satisfactory, I remain respectfully,

L. P. MATTHEWS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 23, 1876.

MR. COOK,

Superintendent Schools:

SIR: In accordance with your instructions I hereby forward a statement of the interview between Miss L. P. Matthews and Mr. Wm. Syphax:

On Monday, the 21st instant, Maria Syphax, a daughter of the gentleman named above, was called to Miss Matthews' desk because of misconduct. Maria refused to come forward, and stated that she had been told by her mother not to stand on the platform. She said, "I shall go home," and left the school without obtaining the permission of her teacher. This morning Maria returned, accompanied by her father. Miss Matthews requested Mr. Syphax to retire to a private room, as she did not wish to discuss the matter in presence of her pupils. During the interview Mr. Syphax said that Miss M. treated the pupils as if she considered them dogs. The teacher became incensed at the remark and returned to her school-room. Mr. Syphax followed her, and addressed some remarks to the pupils in justification of the action of his daughter. Miss Matthews said, "Mr. Syphax, you shall not address my pupils," or words to this effect. He again addressed the school, when Miss M. bade him leave the room.

Mr. Syphax then had an interview with me; Miss Matthews was present. They were both very angry. Miss M. stated to Mr. Syphax that his daughter must apologize. He said that Miss Matthews may wait until her hair is white, but she will not receive the apology. Miss Matthews returned to her duties. Mr. Syphax said that he had been insulted by a teacher, and requested me to accompany him to the school-room. I declined, and told the gentleman that I could not have a repetition of the scene; that if he had been wronged, the school officers would adjust the matter. The third time he went into the school and essayed to address the pupils. In order to avoid further trouble, I asked Miss Matthews to leave the school-room, and said that I should be forced to dismiss the school if Mr. Syphax continued his remarks. The school was in disorder, the excitement was increasing, and I was powerless to subdue it. At this point Mr. Syphax left the room.

Very respectfully,

E. V. BROWN.

Principal,

On Thursday evening, June 29th, and on Friday evening, July 14th, 1876, the Committee met at the Sumner Public School Building, all the members being present, as also were Mr. Syphax, Miss Matthews, Miss Brown, and members of the colored sub-board; Mr. G. Y. AtLee acting as secretary.

It will be observed, by reference to the correspondence above and to the testimony, that Mr. Syphax limited the subjects of investigation to the following matters, viz.:

- 1st. The truth of the letter of Miss Matthews.
- 2d. The colored sub-board made the verbal statement in the general Board that Mr. Syphax's complaint was under investigation by them, which statement was not in fact true.
- 3d. That the colored sub-board, in their report to the general Board on April 11th, 1876, made reflections upon Mr. Syphax personally which were uncalled for, and in fact untrue.

Upon the first matter of investigation above referred to, the Committee find, after careful examination, that the recollection of Mr. Syphax agreed in most particulars with the statements contained in the letter of Miss Matthews above referred to; and in the instances where the testimony of Miss Matthews and Mr. Syphax conflicted, the statement of Miss Matthews was corroborated by that of Miss Brown, the principal, while the statement of Mr. Syphax was not supported by any other proof.

The Committee, therefore, find that the first article of Mr. Syphax's complaint as above stated was not proved.

Upon the second matter of investigation above referred to, the Committee find that Mr. Syphax is contradicted by the entire colored sub-board, and is supported by no testimony except his own.

The Committee, therefore, upon the second article of Mr. Syphax's complaint as above stated, find that the same has not been proved.

Upon the third matter of investigation above referred to, the Committee find that the portion of the report of the sub-board of April 11th, 1876, which was the subject of complaint upon the part of Mr. Syphax, was an extract from a report of the public schools of Alexandria, Va.

The general propositions and reflections of the writer of the extract referred to were undoubtedly true in fact as applied to the particular schools in Alexandria and to similar schools elsewhere, and have no necessary application to Mr. Syphax.

The Committee, therefore, find that the charge as stated in the third article is not proved. The Committee are, however, of opinion that the extract in question was unfortunate under the circumstances of the case, and might be well supposed by Mr. Syphax to convey a personal reflection against him, and was uncalled for in a report which should have been confined to facts alone.

In conclusion, the Committee find upon all matters of complaint made by Mr. Syphax against the colored sub-board, as above stated, that the same were not substantiated by Mr. Syphax, and, so far as appeared to the Committee from the evidence, such complaints had no foundation in fact.

E. CHAMPLIN.

ROBERT REYBURN, M. D.

GEO. W. DYER.

Report adopted.

Mr. DYER, from the Select Committee to investigate certain charges against the Board by the *Evening Star*, submitted the following report:

Your Special Committee, to which was referred the following resolution :

Whereas, in the issue of the *Evening Star* of June 30, 1876, there appears an article entitled "Public School Matter," containing the following passages, viz :

"Some of these persons have by brazen cheek and persistent lobbying got on the Board, and though forming but a small portion of the membership, they have by insidious engineering managed to carry many of their points, and particularly to get themselves placed on committees where they could do themselves 'the most good,' and where they could strike stealthy blows at their opponents.

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In fact until this advent such a thing as lobbying for position was unknown ; and the practice of seeking the place for money-making purposes was also unknown."

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed by the Chair to inquire and report to the Board whether there be any fact to justify such statement.

The Committee beg leave to submit the following correspondence in the matter:

519 SEVENTH STREET, WASHINGTON, D. C. *July 7, 1876.*

MR. CROSBY NOYES, *Editor Evening Star* :

DEAR SIR : I enclose a copy of a resolution which was adopted at the last meeting of the Trustees of Public Schools.

Will you kindly lend your assistance in the investigation of the truth of the charges contained in the extracts from the editorial embraced in the resolution, by putting the committee in possession of the information upon which the editorial was based.

Very respectfully,
GEO. W. DYER, *for the Committee.*

(Signed.)

519 SEVENTH STREET, WASHINGTON, D. C. *July 7, 1876.*

MESSRS. DENNISON, KETCHAM and PHELPS,

Commissioners of the District of Columbia :

GENTLEMEN : I enclose a resolution which was adopted at the last meeting of the Trustees of the Public Schools.

If you have any information as to the truth or falsity of the charges contained in the extracts from the editorial embraced in the resolution, will you kindly communicate such information to the committee.

Very respectfully,
GEO. W. DYER, *for the Committee.*

(Signed.)

"THE EVENING STAR," WASHINGTON, *July 11, 1876.*

DEAR SIR : Illness has prevented me from sooner answering your note of the 7th inst., in which, on behalf of your committee, you ask to be put in possession of the information upon which an editorial of the *Star* of June 30, headed "Public School Matters," was based.

Permit me to say, with entire respect for your committee, and the majority of your Board, and with a full recognition of the courteous tone of your enquiry, that this is an investigation that the *Star* has undertaken on its own account, and it cannot consent to surrender that work to other hands, however competent and impartial.

This paper has already succeeded in smoking out one, at least, of the persons charged with seeking and pertinaciously retaining a place on the School Board for selfish purposes, and it proposes to continue the work of exposing the operations of this clique, or ring, so long as it has any footing in the Board. For twenty-four years the *Star* has devoted a large amount of space and thoughtful attention to the interest of our Public Schools, and feels that it has a right to speak, and to speak plainly, when it sees, or thinks it sees, those interests threatened.

Very respectfully,

Col. GEO. W. DYER, *Chairman*.

CROSBY S. NOYES.

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,

WASHINGTON, *June 8, 1876.*

DEAR SIR: Referring to yours of the 7th instant, transmitting copy of a resolution of the Board of Trustees of Public Schools appointing a committee "to inquire and report to the Board whether there be any facts to justify" certain statements contained in an article in the *Evening Star*, of June 30, 1876, entitled "Public School Matters," I am directed to reply to your request for information respecting the truth or falsity of the charge in question, that there is nothing on the files of this office relating to the subject matter of enquiry, nor are the Commissioners advised of any disreputable conduct on the part of any of the Trustees, in any respect.

Very respectfully,

WM. TINDALL, *Secretary*.

In view of which, and from knowledge respecting the several Trustees in the possession of your committee, they conclude and so report, that there is no foundation in fact for such charges against any member of this Board.

GEO. W. DYER,
ROBERT REYBURN, M. D.,
J. S. BROWN,

Special Committee.

Adopted.

Mr. BROWN, from Select Committee on Centennial Celebration, reported as follows:

"The Select Committee appointed by the Board October 12, 1875, with full authority to make all necessary arrangements for the proper educational representation of this city at the Centennial Exposition, have to report that the duties assigned to them have been performed, and a full account of the representation made has been given in the printed Annual Report of the Board for 1874-'75, pages 135, 136, 137.

The honorable Commissioners of the District of Columbia having informed the Committee that they were not authorized by law to expend the public fund for this purpose, it was decided to attempt to obtain the same by means of concerts and entertainments to be given by the public schools. This plan was successful, the schools and the public having responded gen-

crously to the call made upon them. The following amounts were received by the Committee:

From schools of the first district.....	\$195 95
“ “ “ second “	201 08
“ “ “ third “	20 00
Total	<hr/> \$417 03

The entire expenditures made by the Committee in preparing the exhibit, as per vouchers herewith submitted, amounts to \$389.09, leaving a balance of \$27.94 in the hands of the Committee. It is recommended that this balance be reserved to pay the expenses of packing and returning the goods to this city when the exhibition shall have closed.

J. S. BROWN,
JOHN H. BROOKS,
JOHN RANDOLPH,
FRED. W. MOFFAT,
Special Committee on Centennial.

Accepted and approved.

Mr. PACKARD submitted the following :

Resolved, That the Committee on Drawing and Penmanship be requested, if possible, to make arrangements by which all the teachers of the County Schools can receive normal instruction in drawing at the same time and place.

Referred to the Committee on Penmanship and Drawing.

Mr. BROWN, from the Committee on Text-Books, called up the report of said committee made to the Board at its last meeting, and moved the adoption of the resolutions offered by Mr. Packard, (page 113 of the minutes.)

On motion of Dr. Reyburn, the question was divided.

The first resolution was adopted by the following vote :

YEAS—Brown, Brooke, Brooks, Curtis, Detrick, Dyer, Ferguson, French, Hovey, Johnson, Mitchell, Moffatt, Packard, and Reyburn—14.

NAYS—Champlin, Lloyd, Randolph, Ryder, and Smith—5.

The second resolution was also adopted by the following vote :

YEAS—Brown, Brooke, Curtis, Detrick, Dyer, Ferguson, French, Hovey, Johnson, Lloyd, Mitchell, Moffat, Packard, Randolph, Ryder, and Reyburn—16.

NAYS—Brooks, Champlin, and Smith—3.

Mr. DETRICK moved the adoption of the report of the Committee on Text-Books, (page 112, minutes.)

The yeas and nays were demanded.

Over two-thirds voting in the affirmative, the report was adopted.

Those who voted in the affirmative were :

YEAS—Messrs. Brooke, Brooks, Champlin, Curtis, Detrick, Dyer, Ferguson, French, Hovey, Johnson, Lloyd, Mitchell, Moffatt, and Packard—14.

NAYS—Messrs. Brown, Randolph, Ryder, Smith, and Reyburn—5.

The reports of the Committee on Teachers on the nomination for Principal of the Fourth District was taken up, and Mr. Ryder moved the adoption of the report of the minority of the committee. After full discussion, further action was postponed until to-morrow evening.

Mr. PACKARD gave notice that the annual examination of candidates for positions as teachers in the County Schools will be held in the Franklin Building on the 30th day of August, at 9 A. M., and closing at 4 P. M.

Mr. BROOKS offered the following, which was adopted :

Resolved, That in view of the evidence elicited by the Committee on Teachers, relative to the condition of the Jefferson School Building and school furniture in said building, and also the condition of the outhouses and privies for the accommodation of said building, that the Committee on Property be, and is hereby, instructed to thoroughly examine into the causes for this condition of the public property, and whether or not the janitor of the building has faithfully performed his duties.

The Board then adjourned to meet to-morrow evening, at 7.30 p. m.

ADJOURNED MEETING.

AUGUST 9, 1876.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Board of Trustees of the Public Schools met: W. W. Curtis, in the chair; John H. Brooks, secretary.

Present: Messrs. Brown, Brooks, Champlin, Curtis, Detrick, Dyer, French, Hovey, Johnson, Lloyd, Mitchell, Moffat, Packard, Randolph, Ryder, and Reyburn.

Mr. PACKARD submitted the following, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the teachers of the Public Schools of the District of Columbia be, and they are hereby, requested to meet the Trustees, Superintendents and Principals, on Saturday, the 2d of September, as follows :

The teachers of the white schools of Georgetown, at the Curtis Building, at 8.30 a. m.

The teachers of the County Schools, at the Franklin Building, at 10 a. m.

The teachers of the white schools of Washington, First District, at the Franklin Building, at 11 a. m.

The teachers of the white schools of Washington, Second District, at the Seaton Building, at 12 m.

The teachers of the white schools of Washington, Third District, at the Wallach Building, at 1.30 p. m.

The teachers of the white schools of Washington, Fourth District, at the Jefferson Building, at 3 p. m.

The teachers of the colored schools of Washington and Georgetown, at the Sumner Building, at 3 p. m.

And the Secretary is hereby directed to give public notice in the newspapers, on the 22d and 23d inst., to that effect; and that the rule adopted by the Board for the opening the Public Schools last year shall be conformed to for the present year.

Mr. REYBURN offered the following :

Resolved, That the Committee on Property (Commissioners concurring) be requested to procure suitable school furniture for three school rooms in the First District—one Secondary and two Primary Schools.

Adopted.

Mr. DETRICK submitted the following :

Resolved, That the Committee on Property be instructed to take the necessary steps to procure furniture and provide a suitable room for the accommodation of the "advanced Female Grammar School"—the Commissioners concurring.

Adopted.

The nomination for Principal of the Fourth District was taken up, and after discussion, the question recurred on the motion of Mr. Ryder to adopt the minority report.

The yeas and nays were demanded.

Those who voted in the affirmative were :

YEAS—Messrs. Johnson, Lloyd, Moffat, Ryder, and Reyburn—5.

NAYS—Messrs. Brown, Brooks, Champlin, Curtis, Detrick, Dyer, French, Hovey, Mitchell, Packard, and Randolph—11.

The report and recommendation of the majority of the Committee that "Mr. Thompson be not confirmed as Principal of the Fourth School District," was then adopted without division.

Mr. RANDOLPH, from the Committee on Teachers, reported the name of S. J. Thomson, for Principal of the Fourth School District, without recommendation.

Mr. LLOYD nominated Mr. A. T. Stewart for the position, confirmed by the following vote :

YEAS—Messrs. Brooks, Curtis, Dyer, Johnson, Lloyd, Mitchell, Moffat, Randolph, and Ryder—9.

NAYS—Messrs. Brown, Champlin, Detrick, French, Hovey, Packard, and Reyburn—7.

The Board, on motion, then adjourned to meet Tuesday next, the 15th instant.

ADJOURNED MEETING.

AUGUST 15, 1876.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Board of Trustees of the Public Schools met on the above date: W. W. Curtis, in the chair; John H. Brooks, secretary.

Present: Messrs. Brown, Champlin, Detrick, Dyer, French, Hovey, Johnson, Lloyd, Mitchell, Moffat, Packard, Randolph, and Reyburn.

The secretary presented the following communication:

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,
WASHINGTON, August 15, 1876.

To the Board of Trustees of Public Schools:

GENTLEMEN: I am directed by the Commissioners to send you the accompanying copy of certain resolutions presented to them this morning, and to request that you will make, as soon as practicable, any statement your Board may be pleased to make to them in relation to the subject-matter of the resolutions.

The Commissioners prefer to delay any action in the premises until they shall hear from your Board.

Very respectfully,

WM. TINDALL, *Secretary.*

Referred to a special committee of five, consisting of Messrs. Brooks, Randolph, Johnson, Dyer, and Moffat, by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs. Brown, Brooks, Champlin, Curtis, Detrick, Dyer, Hovey, Johnson, Lloyd, Mitchell, and Randolph—11.

NAYS—Messrs. French, Moffat, Packard, and Reyburn—4.

Also, a communication from Mr. A. T. Stewart, elected principal of the Fourth School District, declining the position, with thanks to the Board for the honor conferred.

Declination accepted.

Mr. RANDOLPH, from the Sub-Board of the Second District, nominated as Primary teachers Florence M. Ball, Lizzie S. Nichols, and Alice V. Skippon, and they recommend that the same be confirmed.

JOHN RANDOLPH,
R. B. DETRICK,
Trustees Second District.

Confirmed.

Mr. FRENCH offered the following:

Resolved, That the principals in the several school districts be, and they are hereby, directed to be at their school buildings during the week preceding the opening of the schools, from 9 to 12 o'clock and from 2 to 5 o'clock each day, for the purpose of giving out tickets.

Adopted.

Mr. LLOYD nominated Professor Springer as teacher and supervising

principal of the Fourth School District, and asked that the nomination be referred to the Committee on Teachers.

Adopted.

Mr. BROWN offered the following :

Resolved, That the study of the Swinton Geographies, as Text-books, be not commenced in the schools until the publishers shall have corrected the errors in the said books noted by members of the Committee on Text-books.

Resolved, Also, that a copy of the above resolution be sent to the publishers of these Geographies by the Secretary, with the advice that this Board expects the Geographies to be ready for the use of our schools at the commencement of the approaching school session.

Mr. BROOKS offered the following as a substitute :

Resolved, That the Committee on Text-Books be authorized to communicate with the publishers of Swinton's Geographies and request all discovered errors corrected in said series.

Adopted.

Mr. BROWN rose to a privileged question, and stated that his attention had been called to language he had employed in a minority report of the Committee on Text-Books, made to this Board, (vide pages 112 and 113,) July 11, 1876, which was construed to reflect upon his associates in the committee, he desired to recall every objectionable word in that report, and asked that the language objected to be stricken out.

So ordered.

Adjourned to meet August 22, 1876.

ADJOURNED MEETING.

FRANKLIN SCHOOL BUILDING, *August 22, 1876.*

Pursuant to adjournment, the Board of Trustees of Public Schools met on the above date: W. W. Curtis, Esq., in the chair; Mr. John H. Brooks, secretary.

Present: Messrs. Champlin, Detrick, Dyer, French, Hovey, Johnson, Mitchell, Moffat, Randolph, Ryder, and Reyburn.

The secretary presented the following communication :

OFFICE COMMISSIONERS DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,
WASHINGTON, *August 22, 1876.*

To the Board of Trustees of Public Schools, District of Columbia :

GENTLEMEN: I am directed by the Commissioners to inform you that, after careful consideration and estimates of the probable revenues and necessary expenditures of the District Government during the current fiscal year, ending June 30, 1877, they think it prudent, at present, to contemplate a reduction of say two months in the usual expenditures for the Public Schools for the year, and you will, therefore, make all your engagements, including the payment of money, accordingly. The estimated amount appropriated for the Public Schools for the current fiscal year is \$290,000. The amount expended the past year was \$384,341.40, of which there was expended for erection of buildings \$41,000, leaving for ordinary expenditures \$343,341.40.

The Commissioners request that you will carefully consider the question

of conducting the Public Schools upon the reduced basis of expenditures, \$290,000, and report to them your conclusions as to the most judicious plan.

Very respectfully,

WM. TINDALL, *Secretary.*

On motion of Mr. Hovey a Select Committee of five, with the President as chairman, with power to act, was appointed. The chair appointed Messrs. Randolph, Brooks, Champlin, and Hovey as the Committee. The Committee addressed the following communication to the Commissioners :

WASHINGTON, August 23, 1876.
Honorable Commissioners of the District of Columbia :

GENTLEMEN : I am instructed by the special committee to whom was referred your communication of yesterday to report as follows :

Upon the basis of an allowance of \$290,000 for the next scholastic year the following estimates have been carefully made, having in view a school term of eight months instead of ten months, as heretofore :

Salaries of teachers for schools now established.....	\$187,872
Salaries of teachers for new schools to be established.....	5,200
Salaries for janitors and sweeps.....	18,100
Rent of school-rooms for schools heretofore established.....	24,333
Rent of rooms for new schools.....	2,000
Fuel and stove fixtures for schools heretofore established.....	16,600
Fuel and stove fixtures for new schools.....	375
General supplies, including stationery, books for indigent pupils, &c.....	10,000
Contingent expenses, including repairs, insurance, printing, payment of interest, &c.....	25,000
School furniture.....	5,000
Total.....	\$294,490

While these estimates exceed in the aggregate the sum set apart for school purposes it is believed that reductions can be made in some of the items so as to bring the actual expenditures for all school purposes within the sum named by you.

It is the intention of the School Board to so reduce the expenditures, if found practicable, and at the same time continue the schools for a full term of eight months. If, however, it shall be found to be impracticable to further reduce the contingent expenses, the school term will be shortened sufficiently to bring the expenses within the sum named. In short, we beg to assure the honorable Commissioners that the expenditures for school purposes of all kinds shall not exceed \$290,000.

The teachers and others subordinate to the School Board will be notified of your instructions, to the end that no engagement may be alleged for a time exceeding the terms prescribed in your communication.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully, your obedient servant.

W. W. CURTIS,

President of Board and Chairman Committee.

Endorsement.

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,

WASHINGTON, August 25, 1876.

Respectfully referred to the Board of Trustees of Public Schools.

The general plan set forth in the within estimate for expenditures for

the Public Schools during the current fiscal year is approved by the Commissioners, and the scale of expenditures in no event to exceed the amount of \$290,000.

By order :

WM. TINDALL, *Secretary*.

The name of Mr. Benj. S. Pike was presented as a candidate for the position of teacher in the Public Schools of Washington, and was referred to the Committee on Teachers.

Mr. MOFFAT offered the following :

Resolved, That the Sub-Board of the Seventh District and the Superintendent be, and they are hereby, appointed a committee to arrange for and take charge of the dedication of the new school building in South Washington, and also to fix the time for the same.

Adopted.

Mr. RYDER presented a petition from a number of residents of the Fourth School District praying the Board to name the new school building in South Washington, now nearly completed, the "Enoch Ambush School."

Referred to the Sub-Board of the Seventh District.

Mr. RANDOLPH moved that when the Board adjourn it adjourn to meet Tuesday next at 7:30 p. m.

Agreed to.

Mr. DETRICK, from the Sub-Board of the Second District, nominated Wm. R. Shied as janitor of the Abbott Building, to take effect September 1, 1876.

R. B. DETRICK,
JOHN RANDOLPH.
Sub-Board.

Confirmed.

Mr. FRENCH, from the Sub-Board of the Third District, nominated Mr. Clinton Vermillion as janitor of the Wallach School Building.

Confirmed.

Mr. BROOKS, from the select committee, reported as follows :

WASHINGTON, *August 21, 1876.*

To the Board of Trustees of Public Schools, D. C.:

GENTLEMEN : Your select committee, to whom was referred a communication from the honorable Commissioners of the District of Columbia, dated August 15, 1876, enclosing certain resolutions passed at a meeting of citizens resident in the Fourth School District, in Washington city, has to report that the rule of the Board defining the duties of the Committee on Teachers is as follows :

SEC. 2. COMMITTEES ON TEACHERS. They shall require evidence of the good moral character of all applicants for teachers' positions, and ascertain by examination their literary qualifications and capacity for the government of schools, and shall report, as soon as possible after each examination, the names and places of residence of all candidates found qualified for the several grades of schools, with such other facts as they may deem necessary for the information of the Board : and shall ascertain and report from time to time what rates of salary are due the several teachers, and when those rates are to be increased ; and to them shall be referred all questions concerning salaries.

At the meeting of the Board, May 9th, 1876, Mr. Champlin submitted the following amendment:

Amend sec. 2 of art. 5 of the By-Laws of the Board, as follows: After the word "Board," in the seventh line of sec. 2, insert the following: "and shall make nominations of teachers at the end of each school year, and at other times, as vacancies occur."

Laid over under the rules.

At the next meeting of the Board, June 13, 1876, the Committee on Rules made the following report:

The Committee on Rules, to whom was referred the proposition to amend section 2 of article 5 of the By-Laws, so as to make it the duty of the Committee on Teachers *to nominate teachers*, have had the same under consideration, and have agreed to report a substitute and recommend its adoption, as follows:

Amend section 2 of article 5 of the By-Laws by inserting after the word "Board," in the seventh line, the following words: "and to them shall be referred, for consideration and report, all nominations of teachers."

J. S. BROWN,
CHAS. E. HOVEY,
JOHN RANDOLPH,
Committee on Rules.

On the question of agreeing to the report of the Committee the yeas and nays were demanded.

Those who voted in the affirmative were—

Messrs. Brown, Brooke, Brooks, Champlin, French, Moffatt, Packard, Randolph, Ryder, and Smith—10.

In the negative—

Messrs. Detrick, Ferguson, Hovey, and Johnson—4.

Two-thirds not voting for the amendment it was rejected.

Mr. HOVEY moved to reconsider the vote by which the proposed amendment was rejected, and have that motion lay over until next meeting.

Agreed to.

At the meeting of the Board June 26, 1876, Mr. Hovey called up his motion to reconsider the vote by which the proposed amendment to section 2, article V, of the By-Laws of the Board was rejected.

The yeas and nays were demanded.

Those who voted in the affirmative were—

Messrs. Brown, Brooks, Champlin, Curtis, Detrick, Dyer, French, Hovey, Moffat, Packard, Randolph, and Smith—12.

In the negative—

Messrs. Johnson, Lloyd, Ryder, and Reyburn—4.

So the motion was not agreed to.

At the same meeting Mr. Hovey offered the following:

Resolved, That the nomination of teachers be now made to the Board by the several Sub-Boards for the position of teachers in their several districts for the ensuing year; and that these nominations be referred to the respective Committees on Teachers, who are hereby directed to report at an

adjourned meeting of this Board to be held on Friday evening next, as to the advisability of confirming said nominations.

Mr. LLOYD moved to amend as follows :

That the same lie over until the next regular or stated meeting.

Rejected.

The resolution was then adopted.

The several Sub-Boards then nominated, *pro forma*, teachers for the next school year.

At the meeting of the Board June 30, 1876, Mr. Randolph, from the Committee on Teachers of the White Schools, submitted the following :

The committee, to whom were referred the nominations of teachers made by the Sub-Boards of the First, Second, Third, Fourth, and Fifth Districts, at the meeting of the Board June 26, 1876, would respectfully report—

That in discharging the important duty assigned them, your committee, in order to get at the facts, have allowed full liberty of statement to the members of the different Sub-Boards present at the meetings of the committee.

As their duty was simply advisory, the committee have declined to pass upon any nominations of Sub-Boards other than those made in open Board at the meeting of June 26.

The committee believe that they are not required to make special adverse reports in particular cases. They have reported for confirmation the name of every teacher, and only those, in each district, in whose nomination both members of the Sub-Board of said district, when frankly consulted by the committee have concurred, and with whose qualifications and record as a teacher they have expressed themselves as satisfied.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN RANDOLPH,
GEO. W. DYER,
CHAS. E. HOVEY,
B. F. LLOYD,
FRED. W. MOFFAT.

Report accepted and nominations confirmed.

Mr. LLOYD submitted the following report, with several petitions of citizens asking retention of Mr. J. E. Thompson as Principal of the Fourth District :

The minority of the Committee on Teachers respectfully recommend the appointment of Mr. John E. Thompson as Principal of the Fourth District, for the following reasons :

First. His long and efficient services in the Public Schools of this city, embracing a period of more than twenty-seven years.

Second. The parents and citizens of that school district, with few exceptions, strongly desire and recommend his reappointment.

Third. There are no substantial complaints of his school administration in the district, no charges of inefficiency emanating from parents or pupils, and in the absence of such charges, sustained by ample proof, we decline to concur in his removal from those schools.

While we admit the legal right of the Board to omit the appointment of any teacher proved to be inefficient, long-established usage, beginning from the very foundation of our school system, has established the principle that our teachers should not be changed, except for manifest neglect of duty or inefficiency. A reversal of this principle must necessarily make our teach-

erships public offices, places of political patronage, which in the end must corrupt and demoralize our whole Public School system.

B. F. LLOYD.

Mr. CHAMPLIN moved to amend the minority report by substituting the name of S. J. Thomson as Principal and I. Fairbrother, Assistant, Male Grammar School, and presented a petition of a number of citizens asking a change of Principal of the Fourth District.

The report, with nominations and all the papers, were referred to Committee on Teachers of the White Schools.

At the meeting of the Board, August 8, 1876, Mr. RANDOLPH submitted from the Committee on Teachers of the White Schools of Washington and Georgetown, a majority report, (vide page 118,) and Mr. LLOYD, from same committee, a minority, (vide page 123.)

The report of the Committee on Teachers on the nomination for Principal of the Fourth District was taken up, and Mr. Ryder moved the adoption of the report of the minority of the committee.

After full discussion further action was postponed until to-morrow evening.

At the meeting of the Board August 9, 1876, the whole matter was settled by the Board, as follows :

The nomination for Principal of the Fourth District was taken up, and after discussion, the question recurred on the motion of Mr. Ryder to adopt the minority report.

The yeas and nays were demanded.

Those who voted in the affirmative were :

YEAS—Messrs. Johnson, Lloyd, Moffat, Ryder, and Reyburn—5.

NAYS—Messrs. Brown, Brooks, Champlin, Curtis, Detrick, Dyer, French, Hovey, Mitchell, Packard, and Randolph—11.

The report and recommendation of the majority of the Committee that "Mr. Thompson be not confirmed as Principal of the Fourth School District" was then adopted without division.

Mr. RANDOLPH, from the Committee on Teachers, reported the name of S. J. Thomson, for Principal of the Fourth School District, without recommendation.

Mr. LLOYD nominated Mr. A. T. Stewart for the position. Confirmed by the following vote :

YEAS—Messrs. Brooks, Curtis, Dyer, Johnson, Lloyd, Mitchell, Moffat, Randolph, and Ryder—9.

NAYS—Messrs. Brown, Champlin, Detrick, French, Hovey, Packard, and Reyburn—7.

In addition to the record as above presented, the committee respectfully submit for the consideration of the honorable Commissioners of the District the testimony and exhibits, accompanying this report, as the most appropriate answer to the various charges against the Board of Trustees, or individual members thereof, made in the resolutions of the public meeting referred to in the letter of the honorable Commissioners.

Respectfully submitted :

JOHN RANDOLPH,
GEO. W. DYER.
FRED. W. MOFFAT,
HENRY JOHNSON.

I concur with my associates in their conclusions, and desire to add in addition that I found no fact in the recorded action of the Board of Trustees, or elsewhere, which, in my judgment, at all justifies the charge of conspiracy and combination to effect the removal of Mr. Thompson, as set forth in the first of the resolutions transmitted to the Board by the Commissioners; on the contrary, I found that greater deliberation and publicity was given to the case of Mr. Thompson than is usual in similar cases, nor was a decision reached or vote taken until after a full discussion and consideration of all the facts by the whole Board. In response to the sixth and seventh resolutions, transmitted by the Commissioners, I further found from a careful reading of the testimony that during the investigation of this case, by order of the Board, by the Committee on Teachers of the White Schools, no member of said committee exceeded his legal or moral right in propounding questions to witnesses, or otherwise, in conducting the investigation. I hold it to be the right, as well as the duty, of a member to cross-examine witnesses in cases of investigation when the object is to get at the facts and establish the truth. Nothing more than this appears to have been done in this case by any member of the Committee on Teachers.

Respectfully submitted:

JOHN H. BROOKS.

Report adopted and ordered forwarded to the honorable Commissioners of the District of Columbia as the reply of this Board to their communication of August 15, 1876.

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

WASHINGTON, August 24, 1876.

J. E. F. Holmead and others, committee:

GENTLEMEN: I am instructed by the Commissioners of the District to inform you that immediately on the receipt from your committee of the copy of the preamble and resolutions of the meeting of citizens of South Washington, held on the 14th instant, they sent a copy of them to the Trustees of Public schools with the request that they would make, as soon as practicable, any statement they might be pleased to make to the Commissioners in relation to the subject-matter of the resolutions.

In answer to this communication the trustees made a report to the Commissioners under date of the 23d instant, accompanying the same with copies of the majority and minority reports in the matter of John E. Thompson, and exhibits of the testimony, &c., taken by the committee of Trustees charged with the investigation of the matters and things relating to said Thompson. All these the Commissioners have considered, and I am directed to advise as the result.

1. They find no evidence of any illegal or improper conduct on the part of the Trustees in the matter of not reappointing John E. Thompson supervising principal of the Fourth School District: that in declining to make such reappointment the Trustees exercised the powers conferred upon them by law, and the Commissioners, even if they had the right to do so, (which they have not,) decline interfering with the Trustees in their appointments of supervising principals or teachers of the schools. They therefore decline making any order or suggestion to the Trustees to influence their action in filling the vacancy of the office of Supervising Principal of the Fourth District.

2. As to the recommendation for a reorganization of the Board of Trustees the Commissioners say that while they have full confidence in the ability and zeal of the present Board for the successful management of the

schools, and have seen with very great satisfaction the excellent results of their administration, they regard the matter of the reorganization of the Board, whether in whole or in part, as always an open question, to be considered and acted upon by them as the interests of the schools may require. Whether any change in the present Board of Trustees is desirable the Commissioners will carefully consider.

The Commissioners make no answer to the other subjects mentioned in your resolutions, as they do not call for their official action.

Very respectfully,

Official copy furnished for information of the Board of Trustees of Public Schools of the District of Columbia.
By order :

WM. TINDALL, *Secretary*.

AUGUST 25, 1876.

Adjourned.

WM. TINDALL, *Secretary*.

ADJOURNED MEETING.

AUGUST 29, 1876.

Pursuant to adjournment the Board met on the above date : W. W. Curtis, Esq., in the chair ; Mr. John H. Brooks, secretary.

Members present : Messrs. Brown, Brooks, Champlin, Detrick, Dyer, Ferguson, French, Hovey, Johnson, Lloyd, Mitchell, Moffatt, Packard, Randolph, Ryder, and Smith.

The following applications for position of teacher in the Public Schools were presented : Miss C. J. Spalding, S. R. Sexton, Mollie B. Carter, Ella F. Bass, Mary S. Deering.

Referred to Superintendent Wilson.

Also, the application of Miss S. A. Somerville, of Mobile, Ala.

Referred to Superintendent Cook.

The resignation of Mrs. Sarah J. Johnson (nee Dulany) was accepted, to take effect August 31, 1876.

Mr. LLOYD, from the Sub-Board of the Fourth District, presented the resignation of C. H. Parker, janitor of the Jefferson School Building, and nominated Mr. Julius Strobel for the position vacated.

Resignation accepted, and nomination confirmed.

Superintendent WILSON presented a communication from Mary C. Wilkerson.

Referred to Committee on Teachers.

Mr. CURTIS presented a communication from Professor West relative to giving entertainments in the Public Schools.

Referred to Superintendent Wilson.

Mr. PACKARD presented a communication from Senator George F. Edmunds relative to appointing a teacher in the Public Schools.

Referred to Committee on Teachers of the County.

Mr. DYER offered the following :

I respectfully nominate for teachers of the Public Schools in the First

District the following : For principal teacher of the Female Grammar School, Miss Lillie B. Holbrook, (acting,) in place of Rachel Jane Day, declined appointment.

For teacher of Intermediate Male School, No. 1, Mr. S. D. Caldwell, (acting,) in place of Mr. E. D. Harrington, declined appointment.

For teacher of Male Primary, No. 7, Miss Mary Elizabeth Trask, (acting,) to fill a vacancy.

GEO. W. DYER,
Sub-Board, First District.

Confirmed.

Mr. RANDOLPH, from the Committee on Teachers, submitted the following report :

The Committee on Teachers, to whom was referred the nomination of Professor F. A. Springer as Principal of the Male Grammar School and Supervising Principal of the Fourth District, would respectfully report : That after careful consideration they unanimously concur in recommending that his nomination be confirmed.

The committee have the assurance of both members of the Sub-Board of that district that this recommendation not only meets their hearty approval but that the appointment of Professor Springer will give general satisfaction to the people of said district.

JOHN RANDOLPH,
GEO. W. DYER,
CHAS. E. HOVEY,
FRED. W. MOFFAT,
B. F. LLOYD.

AUGUST 29, 1876.

Confirmed.

Also the following :

The Committee on Teachers, having in charge by order of the Board the organization of the Advanced Female Grammar School for the white schools of Washington, Georgetown, and the County, respectfully submit the following recommendations for approval :

1. That the number of pupils in said school shall not exceed forty-five.
2. That Superintendent Wilson be, and is hereby, directed to instruct the principals of the several female grammar schools of Washington and Georgetown to designate by Monday next such of their pupils, who have been attending school during the whole or part of last year, as they may deem best qualified to enter the 9th grade—(the number from any one school not to exceed fifteen)—and to direct them to report at the Seaton School Building on Tuesday next at 9 o'clock A. M. for examination by the principal of said school. The forty-five candidates found by her to be best qualified shall be admitted as pupils of the school. Those failing to pass the requisite examination shall not forfeit their places in the grammar schools of which they are members.

3. The Trustees of the County are authorized to designate any pupils of their schools who may desire to stand an examination for admission also, (not to exceed fifteen in number,) and to direct them to report at the Seaton Building on Tuesday next, as above provided.

4. A list of such candidates from each of the said districts shall be transmitted by the several principals to Miss Lane, so as to be in her possession on Tuesday morning. If any district fails to send up any candidates

at the time specified, such district will be considered as having waived its right, and the examination will proceed.
All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN RANDOLPH,
GEO. W. DYER,
CHAS. E. HOVEY,
FRED. W. MOFFAT,
B. F. LLOYD.

AUGUST 29, 1876.

Adopted.

Mr. LLOYD offered the following :

Resolved, That pupils and ex-pupils of the Public Schools forming themselves into literary and debating societies may have the use of rooms in the Public School Buildings under such regulations as the respective Sub-Boards may prescribe ; this resolution not to apply to the Seventh District.

Referred to the Committee on Property.

Mr. RYDER, from the Sub-Board of the Seventh District, reported back the petition of citizens requesting the new School Building in South Washington to be named the Ambush School, and submitted the following resolution :

Resolved, That the new School Building for colored children, in South Washington, corner of Delaware avenue and First street, be hereafter called the "Ambush" School Building in honor of the late Enoch Ambush.

W. P. RYDER,
JOHN H. FERGUSON,
HENRY JOHNSON.

and moved its adoption.

Mr. BROOKS submitted a minority report, as follows :

To the Board of Trustees of Public Schools :

GENTLEMEN : A sense of duty as well as gratitude compels me to differ with my associates of the Sub-Board of the Seventh District in their recommendation for a change in the name of the Randall School Building. At the meeting of the Board, December 8, 1874, Mr. Johnson reflected the united action of the Sub-Board in presenting the following resolution :

Resolved, That the school building for colored children, located at Delaware avenue and First street southwest, be known as the "Randall School Building."

At this meeting highly eulogistic remarks were made by Messrs. Johnson, Ryder, and Brooks, and upon their representation the Board unanimously agreed to name the building "Randall School." The people residing in South Washington, many the recipients of Miss Randall's favors when alive, and others conversant with her many kind and generous acts, fully appreciated this gracious act of the Board in recognition of a noble and well-spent life. The Superintendent of the Colored Schools also recognizing the propriety of this act, thus spoke of Miss Randall in his annual report :

"Change of teacherships during the year was rare. One sad record, however, was made. In the death of Miss Eliza G. Randall, principal of the school then known as the 'Delaware Avenue,' but now as the 'Randall,' by special action of the Board, the schools sustained a great loss. Her ap-

pointment to a teachership in them was made in September, 1867, and during the seven years' connection she invariably rendered, in whatever position placed, satisfactory and efficient service. In the last year or two she seemed to suffer much from affection of the lungs. All efforts on the part of friends and school officers to induce her to give up her charge were unavailing, preferring, as she said, 'to die at her post,' which she literally did. After the regular school hours on Friday, December 4, she returned to her residence, but before Monday, the following school day, was a corpse."

It will be observed that the name of the building was changed from a street and not from that of a person who had been thus honored. I believe this is the only instance in which such a recommendation has been made to this Board.

I have great respect for the petitioners, and if the building had no name, and did not involve a change, or if both names were presented, with the request of these citizens, I would no doubt favor that of Mr. Ambush. But under the circumstances I do not think it proper and expedient to make this change.

The late Miss Eliza G. Randall was one of that noble band of pioneers who followed closely the armies of the Union and rescued the sick, fed the poor, clothed the naked, and taught the ignorant and recently emancipated slave. She solicited the unenviable post of founding a school in this part of South Washington when it was a common, with only improvised huts for habitations. The people were poor and just out of slavery; she, through her many friends in the North and her own liberality, procured clothing and medicine, and so endeared herself to all who made her acquaintance and especially the school officers, that she was urged to continue her great work. Room after room was upon her requisition added, until four were added to the original shanty, and five schools through her efforts established. In recognition of her services she was made principal, and held that position until her death. If there is a name that should be honored by us, one that should win our admiration and gratitude, especially those of us who in the past were deprived of every educational advantage, that name is Eliza G. Randall.

Miss Randall was also one of that noble band of which Sumner in the Senate and Stevens in the House and Lovejoy upon the virgin soil of the West were the representatives. She was one of that band of angels on earth who gave her life to her Master's service.

I do not desire to rob Mr. Ambush's memory of a single honor, and, as I have said, had this building never been named I should at the request of the petitioners vote to name it "Ambush School," but having before made known my views about Miss Randall's worth, and the Board having acted upon our united request and named the building "Randall," I hope the Board will make no change.

Respectfully,

JOHN H. BROOKS.

And offered the following as a substitute for the resolutions submitted by the majority :

Resolved. That the name of "Randall School" be retained, and that no change be made.

Adopted by the following vote—.

YEAS—Messrs. Brown, Brooks, Champlin, Curtis, Dyer, French, Hovey, Moffat, Packard, Randolph, and Smith—11.

NAYS—Messrs. Detrick, Ferguson, Johnson, Lloyd, Mitchell, and Ryder—6.

Mr. RANDOLPH submitted the following, which was agreed to :

Resolved, That the Public Schools be opened on Monday next, September 4, 1876, and that in pursuance of the recommendation of the honorable Commissioners they be kept open for a period of eight months, unless otherwise ordered ; that the organization of the schools shall be conducted in the following manner, to wit :

1. Tickets of admission shall be issued by the principals of the several school districts (excepting the Fourth District) at their offices, from 8 to 10 o'clock P. M., and from 5 to 7 o'clock P. M., on the 30th and 31st of August, and 1st and 2d of September, of which fact the report of these proceedings in the daily papers shall be due notice.

2. Each principal shall keep an account of the number of tickets issued by him to each school in his District during the aforesaid days.

3. No ticket shall be issued on Monday, the 4th of September.

4. On Monday, September 4, each teacher shall receive only those pupils actually on the roll at the close of the last school year, and shall retain them in session on that day until the arrival of the Principal to make the transfers and complete the organization of the school.

5. Each teacher shall report in person to the Principal, at his office, on Monday, by 5 o'clock P. M., the number of vacancies in his or her school, of which a record shall be kept by the Principal.

6. On Tuesday, September 5, each teacher shall admit those presenting tickets to the extent of completing the complement of 60 pupils, and no more. The number of tickets received in excess of this complement, or the number of vacancies still existing, shall on the same day, (Tuesday,) immediately on the adjournment of the school, be reported without fail, by each teacher, to the Principal at his office.

7. At 6 o'clock P. M., Tuesday, September 7, each Sub-Board shall meet at its office to hear the report of the Principal as to the progress made in the organization, and to take any steps required to perfect the same.

8. On and after Tuesday, September 5, tickets of admission shall be issued to applicants on each school day, by the Principal, at such hour as he may designate.

9. On Saturday, September 2, the teacher of each District shall attend at such places and hour as shall be designated by the General Superintendents, to receive from them full instructions as to the details of the organization of the Schools of their respective grades.

Tickets of admission for the schools of the Fourth District will be issued at the Jefferson Building on and after Tuesday next.

Mr. FRENCH offered the following :

Ordered, That the Committee on Supplies and Accounts be directed to prepare and report to this Board, at its next meeting, a list of Text-Books and articles which may be furnished to indigent pupils in the Public Schools, and thereafter no other books or articles shall be furnished.

Agreed to.

On motion, adjourned.

STATEMENT OF WARRANTS issued by the Comptroller of the District of Columbia, on account of the Public Schools of Washington, from July 1, 1875, to June 30, 1876.

Date.	Name.	No. of warrant.	Amount.
1875.			
July 6	Hall & Hume.....	20,446 pt.	\$ 32
July 10	John A. Baker.....	20,522 pt.	10 05
July 12	Washington Gas-light Co.....	20,530 pt.	30 25
July 12	Z. D. Gilman.....	20,534	1 00
July 15	Geo. F. Gulick.....	20,546	400 00
July 15	Jos. F. Bauer, sec'y.....	20,547	250 00
July 15	T. A. Newman.....	20,548	75 00
July 15	Wm. Durr.....	20,549	125 00
July 15	J. W. Barker.....	20,550	600 00
July 15	Rev. Chas. I. White, D. D.....	20,552	250 00
July 15	S. J. Thompson.....	20,553	120 00
July 15	Evangelical Ass'n, per J. P. Swartz..	20,554	100 00
July 15	J. C. McKelden.....	20,555	300 00
July 15	First Bap't Church, per Jno. T. Given.	20,556	125 00
July 15	Wm. B. Hooper, treas.....	20,557	250 00
July 15	L. Chappel.....	20,558	90 00
July 15	R. S. Parks.....	20,559	45 00
July 15	Geo. W. Cissel.....	20,560	250 00
July 15	Mrs. Ann S. Parker.....	20,561	210 00
July 15	Bright & Humphrey.....	20,562	200 00
July 16	Samuel Lewis.....	20,568 pt.	120 00
July 16	Wm. Ballantyne.....	20,571 pt.	18 04
July 16	C. B. Church & Co.....	20,572 pt.	75 00
July 16	W. W. Farr.....	20,576	8 36
July 16	Geo. W. Dyer.....	20,577	22 00
July 16	C. H. Parker.....	20,578	3 50
July 16	J. C. Wiswall & Co.....	20,579	17 31
July 16	E. Z. Steever.....	20,585	16 00
July 16	Fisher & Son.....	20,586	2 00
July 16	Warren Choate & Co.....	20,587 pt.	60 10
July 16	Wm. E. Spalding & Son.....	20,588	29 07
July 16	L. W. Slater, treas.....	20,589	60 00
July 16	C. G. Prentiss, treas.....	20,590	125 00
July 16	Noble D. Larner.....	20,591	150 00
July 16	C. Schafer, treas.....	20,592	60 00
July 16	J. R. Riggles, treas.....	20,593	250 00
July 16	R. K. Elliott, treas.....	20,594	120 00
July 16	Odorless Excavating Co.....	20,597 pt.	41 00
July 16	E. F. French.....	20,601	26 50
July 16	McGill & Witherow.....	20,603 pt.	95 43
July 17	D. W. Flynn, sup't.....	20,614 pt.	87 45
July 19	Robt. Boyd.....	20,624	49 25
July 19	W. H. Harrover.....	20,626	30 50

Statement of warrants, &c.—Continued.

Date.	Name.	No. of warrant.	Amount.
1875.			
July 19	C. B. Graham.....	20,629 pt.	\$60 00
July 22	Wm. Nottingham.....	20,654	37 25
July 23	S. W. Jones.....	20,684	12 00
July 26	Pay-roll, Janitors.....	20,758-20,790	631 99
July 31	P. T. Vannice.....	21,335	5 35
Aug. 2	Jas. Alexander.....	21,337	9 00
Aug. 2	Judd & Detweiler.....	21,338	8 00
Aug. 2	Andrew Carroll.....	21,339	18 00
Aug. 2	H. M. Locke.....	21,340	6 00
Aug. 6	Washington Gas-light Co.....	21,677 pt.	34 75
Aug. 16	W. E. Spalding & Son.....	21,773 pt.	835 00
Aug. 17	Thos. M. Plowman.....	21,782	517 50
Aug. 19	W. Mendenhall.....	21,790	148 00
Aug. 25	H. L. Gettier.....	21,901	500 00
Aug. 28	Pay-roll, janitors.....	22,104-22,136	632 02
Sept. 2	S. S. Hunt.....	22,487	375 00
Sept. 3	W. E. Spalding & Son.....	22,636 pt.	312 00
Sept. 4	H. L. Gettier.....	22,637 pt.	80 00
Sept. 4	A. R. Shepherd & Co.....	22,638	13 90
Sept. 4	Schuler & Co.....	22,639	190 00
Sept. 4	McGill & Witherow.....	22,642 pt.	82 86
Sept. 4	C. F. Holtzelaw.....	22,643	124 65
Sept. 4	Odorless Excavating Co.....	22,650	15 00
Sept. 4	A. H. Farris.....	22,651	255 82
Sept. 4	W. W. Farr.....	22,655	18 00
Sept. 4	A. R. Shepherd.....	22,658	75 00
Sept. 4	A. R. Shepherd & Co.....	22,596	200 00
Sept. 4	S. S. Hunt.....	22,663	104 00
Sept. 6	Geo. Viehmann.....	22,796	9 00
Sept. 6	C. Macnichol.....	22,803	25 73
Sept. 6	A. Jackson.....	22,805	18 82
Sept. 6	W. E. Spalding & Son.....	22,807	132 00
Sept. 6	J. Barry.....	22,808	8 40
Sept. 6	H. W. Hinkle.....	22,809	25 00
Sept. 8	C. I. Holtzelaw.....	22,847	109 00
Sept. 8	Jno. Barry.....	22,867	50 00
Sept. 11	Graham & Carson.....	22,871	195 32
Sept. 13	Wm. Ballantyne.....	22,890 pt.	321 16
Sept. 16	Samuel S. Hunt.....	22,899	89 45
Sept. 17	E. W. Knowles.....	22,903	35 09
Sept. 17	W. H. Wingate.....	22,904	86 65
Sept. 17	Edwin Pitcock.....	22,905	13 60
Sept. 17	Wm. Robinson.....	22,906 pt.	3 98
Sept. 17	A. Carroll.....	22,907	5 00
Sept. 17	R. M. A. Fenwick.....	22,908	9 20
Sept. 17	A. R. Shepherd & Co.....	22,911	20 23
Sept. 17	M. Fitzgerald.....	22,913	56 00

Statement of warrants &c.—Continued.

Date.	Name.	No. of warrant.	Amount.
1875.			
Sept. 17	Warren Choate & Co.....		
Sept. 17	Wilson Smith, Jr.....	22,914 pt.	\$197 70
Sept. 18	J. C. Wilson.....	22,925	7 00
Sept. 18	F. Robson.....	22,933	19 20
Sept. 20	H. W. Hinkle.....	22,939	7 20
Sept. 20	Wm. Ballantyne.....	22,946	13 50
Sept. 21	J. W. McKnight & Co.....	22,955	9 20
Sept. 21	J. B. Moore.....	22,970	77 40
Sept. 24	E. G. Wheeler.....	22,982	25
Sept. 25	J. G. Naylor.....	22,984	1 00
Sept. 28	Washington Gas-light Co.....	23,042	3,000 00
Sept. 30	Pay-roll (part).....	23,190 pt.	33 75
Sept. 30	G. Y. AtLee.....	23,487-23,684	13,513 49
Oct. 1	Geo. F. Gulick.....	23,686	10 00
Oct. 2	N. B. Fugitt.....	23,967	425 00
Oct. 5	Hall & Hume.....	24,087	131 17
Oct. 6	J. R. Riggles, treas.....	24,151 pt.	3 50
Oct. 8	National Republican.....	24,178	250 00
Oct. 11	Jas. G. Naylor.....	24,204 pt.	6 68
Oct. 11	Washington Gas-light Co.....	24,207	2,000 00
Oct. 13	Geo. W. Cissel.....	24,219 pt.	41 50
Oct. 13	Daily Critic.....	24,473	250 00
Oct. 15	H. L. Gettier.....	24,500	7 00
Oct. 15	Samuel S. Hunt.....	24,501	135 00
Oct. 15	Rev. Chas. I. White, D. D.....	24,502	26 00
Oct. 15	Jos. F. Bauer, sec'y.....	24,503	250 00
Oct. 15	Jno. T. Given, treas.....	24,504	125 00
Oct. 15	R. K. Elliot.....	24,505	125 00
Oct. 15	W. E. Spalding & Son.....	24,507	120 00
Oct. 15	Wm. Durr.....	24,508	82 50
Oct. 15	M. M. Cameron.....	24,509	75 00
Oct. 15	O. B. Church.....	24,510	120 00
Oct. 15	Jas. W. Barker.....	24,511	75 00
Oct. 15	Wm. R. Hooper.....	24,512	300 00
Oct. 15	J. G. Kimball, treas.....	24,513	250 00
Oct. 15	Noble D. Larner.....	24,514	16 00
Oct. 15	S. B. Boorman, trustee.....	24,515	50 00
Oct. 15	J. C. McKelden.....	24,516	60 00
Oct. 15	L. Chappel.....	24,517	300 00
Oct. 15	Bright & Humphrey.....	24,518	90 00
Oct. 15	J. P. Schuatz, agent.....	24,518	200 00
Oct. 15	Miss Ann S. Parker.....	24,519	100 00
Oct. 15	S. J. Thompson.....	24,520	169 15
Oct. 15	Chas. E. Lewis, treas.....	24,521	120 00
Oct. 15	S. S. Stearns.....	24,522	60 00
Oct. 15	Conrad Schaeffer, trustee.....	24,523	50 00
Oct. 15	T. A. Newman, trustee.....	24,524	60 00
Oct. 15		24,529	75 00

Statement of warrants, &c.—Continued.

Date.	Name.	No. of warrant.	Amount.
1875.			
Oct. 15	Wm. G. Phillips.....	24,530	\$34 00
Oct. 16	W. W. Farr.....	24,532	12 17
Oct. 16	Kidwell & Henderson.....	24,533	10 00
Oct. 16	National Union Printing Co.....	24,534	3 75
Oct. 16	A. Hahl & Co.....	24,535 pt.	33 85
Oct. 16	F. M. Donaldson.....	24,536	21 70
Oct. 16	J. Strobel.....	24,534	7 85
Oct. 16	R. S. Parks.....	24,559	50 00
Oct. 16	Jas. G. Naylor.....	24,560	2,000 00
Oct. 16	Samuel Emery.....	24,566 pt.	3,577 12
Oct. 16	Z. D. Gilman.....	24,572 pt.	75
Oct. 16	Jos. L. Savage.....	24,573 pt.	123 07
Oct. 16	Wall & Robinson.....	24,574 pt.	11 25
Oct. 18	E. W. Knowles.....	24,581	18 11
Oct. 18	E. Z. Steever.....	24,583	22 58
Oct. 18	P. Robinson.....	24,584	3 00
Oct. 18	Jas. Beyer.....	24,596	23 48
Oct. 18	McGill & Witherow.....	24,602 pt.	17 67
Oct. 18	Warren Choate & Co.....	24,603 pt.	87 46
Oct. 26	Wm. Ballantyne.....	24,723 pt.	2,272 20
Oct. 27	James Dunlop.....	24,821	76 78
Oct. 30	Pay-roll (part).....	25,302-25,467	12,842 40
Oct. 30	Pay-roll.....	25,568-25,601	710 99
Oct. 30	C. G. Prentiss, treas.....	25,611	125 00
Oct. 30	H. L. Gettier.....	25,612 pt.	140 00
Nov. 4	N. D. Larner, sec'y.....	25,784	25 00
Nov. 5	A. Hart, agent.....	25,820 pt.	357 84
Nov. 6	Samuel Cross, agent.....	25,846	315 30
Nov. 8	Robert Boyd.....	25,872 pt.	41 99
Nov. 8	Washington Gas-light Co.....	25,879 pt.	50 75
Nov. 9	J. W. McKnight.....	25,886 pt.	46 00
Nov. 11	W. W. Rapley.....	26,170	451 80
Nov. 12	R. C. Cassell.....	26,173	37 45
Nov. 12	Nat'l Republican Job Office.....	26,174 pt.	96 87
Nov. 13	G. Y. AtLee.....	26,182	10 00
Nov. 15	E. Z. Steever.....	26,189	22 50
Nov. 15	L. H. Schneider.....	26,190 pt.	23 40
Nov. 15	W. H. Harrover.....	26,191	140 00
Nov. 15	Chas Davis.....	26,192	47 50
Nov. 15	F. Miller.....	26,195 pt.	18 65
Nov. 15	Jas. Robbins.....	26,197	15 00
Nov. 15	E. Davis.....	26,199	42 00
Nov. 15	W. W. Faro.....	26,200	4 17
Nov. 15	Robert Boyd.....	26,202	164 35
Nov. 15	P. Robinson.....	26,205	1 00
Nov. 15	R. Hofer.....	26,206	4 85
Nov. 15	Geo Willner.....	26,207	66 00

Statement of warrants, &c.—Continued.

Date.	Name.	No. of warrant.	Amount.
1875.	Odorless Excavating Co.....		
Nov. 15	S. J. Fague.....	26,208	
Nov. 15	Jno. A. Baker.....	26,209	\$2 00
Nov. 15	Wm. Ballantyne.....	26,214 pt.	5 71
Nov. 16	Alice Oulahan.....	26,274 pt.	244 02
Nov. 16	Samuel Emery.....	26,275	2,332 88
Nov. 17	Wm. Ballantyne.....	26,278 pt.	80 00
Nov. 20	Wm. McLean.....	26,523	169 77
Nov. 20	J. G. Naylor.....	26,524 pt.	22 75
Nov. 22	Hall & Hume.....	26,534	133 19
Nov. 22	Pay-roll (part).....	26,839 pt.	3,465 00
Nov. 23	Jas. G. Naylor.....	26,853-27,055	81
Nov. 24	Washington Gas-light Co.....	27,239	13,721 02
Nov. 27	A. R. Shepherd & Co.....	27,254 pt.	4,000 00
Nov. 27	Wm. Nottingham.....	27,260	60 75
Nov. 30	A. Hart, agent.....	27,419	122 53
Dec. 7	W. W. Rapley.....	27,726 pt.	169 77
Dec. 15	Robt. Boyd.....	27,772	49 34
Dec. 16	Ringwalt, Hack & Miller.....	27,774	210 00
Dec. 16	Jos. L. Savage.....	27,781 pt.	13 50
Dec. 16	A. R. Shepherd & Co.....	27,782 pt.	2 00
Dec. 16	W. W. Farr.....	27,783	21 42
Dec. 16	Wm. B. Marche.....	27,784	69 47
Dec. 16	B. D. Gallaher.....	27,785	6 17
Dec. 16	C. Davis.....	27,786	7 25
Dec. 16	S. S. Stearns.....	27,817	3 50
Dec. 16	H. C Spencer.....	27,819	57 50
Dec. 16	Francis Miller.....	27,820 pt.	10 00
Dec. 16	E. Davis.....	27,821	280 00
Dec. 16	Odorless Excavating Co.....	27,826	39 72
Dec. 16	W. Mendenhall.....	27,827 pt.	76 50
Dec. 17	McGill & Witherow.....	27,829	185 50
Dec. 17	Rice Bros.....	27,830 pt.	15 00
Dec. 17	E. Z. Steever.....	27,831 pt.	12 40
Dec. 17	J. Ramsburg.....	27,832	12 00
Dec. 17	W. Reapsomer.....	27,833 pt.	10 00
Dec. 17	L. H. Schneider.....	27,834	61 99
Dec. 17	J. Strobel.....	27,835	1 90
Dec. 17	P. Robinson.....	27,836	14 49
Dec. 17	H. W. Hinkle.....	27,837	4 80
Dec. 17	E. Z. Steever.....	27,838 pt.	4 00
Dec. 17	W. E. Wood & Co.....	27,842	3 00
Dec. 17	J. Robbins.....	27,843	39 67
Dec. 17	Wm. McLean.....	27,844	27 10
Dec. 17	McGill & Witherow.....	27,845	47 15
Dec. 17	Pay-roll (part).....	27,855 pt.	62 16
Dec. 20	S. J. Thompson.....	27,897-28,102	571 44
Dec. 23		28,907	13,854 02
			2,782 00

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Date.	Name	No. of warrant.	Amount.
1875.			
Dec. 23	G. F. Gulick.....	28,910	\$425 00
Dec. 23	Thos. M. Plowman.....	28,914	207 00
Dec. 27	D. C. Patterson, treas.....	28,947	250 00
Dec. 27	J. R. Riggles, treas.....	28,948	250 00
Dec. 27	John T. Given, treas.....	28,949	125 00
Dec. 27	Jas. W. Barker.....	28,950	500 00
Dec. 27	S. S. Stearns.....	28,951	150 00
Dec. 27	Jos. F. Bauer, sec'y.....	28,952	125 00
Dec. 27	Geo. W. Cissell.....	28,953	250 00
Dec. 27	N. D. Larner.....	28,954	425 00
Dec. 27	Bright & Humphrey....	28,955	200 00
Dec. 27	J. Schuatz, agt.....	28,956	100 00
Dec. 27	C. G. Prentiss, treas.....	28,957	125 00
Dec. 27	C. Schaeffer, trustee.....	28,960	60 00
Dec. 27	C. B. Church & Co.....	28,961 pt.	75 00
Dec. 27	R. S. Parks.....	28,962	60 00
Dec. 27	J. C. McKelden....	28,963	300 00
Dec. 27	Rev. Chas. I. White.....	28,964	250 00
Dec. 27	Ann S. Parker.....	28,965	150 00
Dec. 27	J. G. Kimball, treas.....	28,966	150 00
Dec. 27	T. A. Newman, treas.....	28,967	75 00
Dec. 27	R. K. Elliott, treas.....	28,968	120 00
Dec. 27	Wm. Durr.....	28,969	75 00
Dec. 27	M. M. Cameron.....	28,970	120 00
Dec. 27	Jas. Y. Davis Sons.....	28,971	90 00
Dec. 27	Chas. E. Lewis, treas.....	28,982	60 00
1876.			
Jan. 5	S. J. Thompson.....	29,199	120 00
Jan. 7	Washington Gas-light Co..	29,370 pt.	89 75
Jan. 12	Sam'l Emery.....	29,407 pt.	1,823 52
Jan. 12	W. W. Rapley.....	29,411	11 50
Jan. 12	Republican Book and Job Office.....	29,414 pt.	24 29
Jan. 13	J. W. McKnight & Co....	29,419 pt.	242 50
Jan. 13	Jno. A. Baker.....	29,422 pt.	96 06
Jan. 13	B. D. Gallagher.....	29,423	16 50
Jan. 13	E. Z. Steever.....	29,424	25 50
Jan. 13	Chas. Davis.....	29,426	12 50
Jan. 13	J. W. Barker.....	29,427	45 00
Jan. 13	D. W. Dickson.....	29,431	6 00
Jan. 13	Robert Boyd.....	29,434 pt.	2 70
Jan. 13	W. W. Farr.....	29,437 pt.	18 17
Jan. 13	Hall & Hume.....	29,440 pt.	4 34
Jan. 13	Thomas A. Watson.....	29,441	34 00
Jan. 13	W. N. Wood.....	29,442	20 00
Jan. 13	Z. D. Gilman.....	29,443 pt.	11 45
Jan. 13	Geo. Willner.....	29,	27 00

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Date.	Name.	No. of warrant.	Amount.
1876.			
Jan. 13	W. B. Moses.....		
Jan. 13	W. H. Harrover.....	29,446	
Jan. 13	Wm. Ballantyne.....	29,447	\$5 75
Jan. 27	Pay Roll (part).....	29,458 pt.	58 50
Feb. 9	Jos. L. Savage.....	29,669-29,874	1,173 05
Feb. 10	Wm. Robinson.....	30,890 pt.	13,883 99
Feb. 11	Robert Boyd.....	30,894	64 10
Feb. 11	R. Beresford.....	30,903 pt.	75 00
Feb. 11	N. B. Fugitt.....	30,904 pt.	6 30
Feb. 11	Wm. J. Murtagh.....	30,906 pt.	52 72
Feb. 11	Peter Hazlip.....	30,908 pt.	20 53
Feb. 11	E. Carstens.....	30,911	16 00
Feb. 11	Thos. C. Basshor & Co.....	30,915	12 00
Feb. 11	Washington Tribune.....	30,918	680 00
Feb. 11	C. H. Parker.....	30,919	350 00
Feb. 11	W. W. Farr.....	30,932	1 50
Feb. 11	Chas. Davis.....	30,933	75 00
Feb. 11	Sam'l Emery.....	30,940	9 67
Feb. 12	C. H. Parker.....	30,942 pt.	60 00
Feb. 12	Wm. Rothwell.....	30,945	260 50
Feb. 12	P. Robinson.....	30,947	16 00
Feb. 12	Chas. Miner.....	30,948	32 27
Feb. 12	J. Butcher.....	30,949	6 75
Feb. 12	Washington Gas Light Co.....	30,950	9 50
Feb. 12	B. D. Gallagher.....	30,955 pt.	4 75
Feb. 12	L. H. Schneider.....	30,956	77 25
Feb. 12	John E. Rabbitt.....	30,958 pt.	43 84
Feb. 12	E. Z. Steever.....	30,959	72 85
Feb. 12	E. Davis.....	30,960	10 25
Feb. 12	W. W. Rapley.....	30,961	29 50
Feb. 12	S. A. H. Marks.....	30,965	45 00
Feb. 12	Wm. McLean.....	30,967	29 50
Feb. 12	R. A. Hofer.....	30,968	3 00
Feb. 12	J. Veidt.....	30,969	65 06
Feb. 12	F. Miller.....	30,970	5 00
Feb. 12	Wm. Ballantyne.....	30,972 pt.	58 00
Feb. 15	A. Hart, (agt.).....	30,986 pt.	19 00
Feb. 19	Pay Rolls (part).....	31,008	445 22
Feb. 26	T. M. Plowman.....	31,235-31,440	15 00
Feb. 26	Sam'l Emery.....	31,595	13,873 12
Mar. 15	Jos. L. Savage.....	32,306 pt.	247 30
Mar. 16	R. Beresford.....	32,308 pt.	523 90
Mar. 16	W. W. Rapley.....	32,309	21 02
Mar. 17	Wm. Jackson.....	32,310 pt.	45 09
Mar. 17	N. B. Fugitt.....	32,312	20 00
Mar. 17	E. Davis.....	32,314 pt.	5 00
Mar. 17	Chas. Davis.....	32,315 pt.	39 53
Mar. 17		32,316 pt.	45 00
			46 25

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Date.	Name.	No of warrant.	Amount.
1876.			
Mar. 18	A. Hart, (agt.).....	32,322	\$15 00
Mar. 18	Wm Ballantyne.....	32,323 pt.	523 95
Mar. 18	Jno. Butcher.....	32,324	2 75
Mar. 18	Wm. McLean.	32,325	28 26
Mar. 18	L. H. Schneider.....	32,326	16 00
Mar. 18	W. W. Farr.....	32,327 pt.	5 67
Mar. 18	McGill & Witherow....	32,330 pt.	10 00
Mar. 18	J. A. Baker.....	32,331	1 50
Mar. 18	Hall & Hume.....	32,333	1 97
Mar. 18	E. Z. Steever.....	32,334	16 00
Mar. 18	Wall & Robinson.....	32,335	2 60
Mar. 18	F. Miller.....	32,337	9 52
Mar. 18	Wm. Rothwell.	32,339	8 20
Mar. 18	Margaret Simms.....	32,341	1 50
Mar. 18	Daniel Luther.....	32,344	3 00
Mar. 18	P. Robinson.....	32,345	6 50
Mar. 18	J. Strobel.....	32,346	9 60
Mar. 18	S. Y. AtLee.....	32,348	100 00
Mar. 20	Julius Veidt.....	32,355	30 00
Mar. 21	Washington Gas,light Co.....	32,363 pt.	78 25
Mar. 22	James G. Naylor.....	32,374	4,000 00
Mar. 23	D. W. Beveridge.....	32,384	47 40
Mar. 23	J. W. Barker.....	32,385	124 49
Mar. 23	Gold's Heather Co.....	32,386	3,130 00
Mar. 24	Pay Roll (part).....	32,399-32,602	13,857 24
Mar. 24	John Barry.....	32,679	89 47
Mar. 28	Bartlett, Robins & Co.....	32,990	1,402 00
Mar. 29	George F. Gulick.....	32,992	425 00
Mar. 30	C. B. Church & Co.....	33,011	75 00
Mar. 30	Jas. Y. Davis' Sons.....	33,012	90 00
Mar. 30	Wm. Durr.....	33,013	75 00
Mar. 30	J. G. Kimball, treas.....	33,014	150 00
Mar. 30	J. C. McKelden.....	33,015	300 00
Mar. 30	G. W. Cissel.....	33,016	250 00
Mar. 30	C. Schaefer, trustee....	33,017	60 00
Mar. 30	1st Congregational Church.....	33,018	250 00
Mar. 30	Rev. Chas. I. White.....	33,020	250 00
Mar. 30	T. A. Newman, trustee.....	33,025	125 00
Mar. 30	J. R. Riggles, treas.....	33,027	250 00
Mar. 30	R. S. Parks.....	33,028	60 00
Mar. 30	Mary M. Cameron.....	33,029	120 00
Mar. 30	Bright & Humphreys.....	33,030	200 00
Mar. 30	1st Baptist Church.....	33,031	125 00
Mar. 30	Lutheran Chapel.....	33,032	60 00
Mar. 30	S. S. Stearns.....	33,033	150 00
Mar. 30	Ann S. Parker.....	33,034	150 00
Mar. 30	C. G. Prentiss.....	33,035	125 00

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Date.	Name.	No. of warrant.	Amount.
1876.			
Mar. 30	J. W. Barker.....		
Mar. 30	R. K. Elliott.....	33,037	
Apr. 3	J. Schnatz.....	33,038	\$500 00
Apr. 3	N. D. Larnier.....	33,325	120 00
Apr. 5	Geo. Schultz, sec'y Naval Lodge No. 4.	33,326	100 00
Apr. 5	Bartlett, Robins & Co.....	33,446	425 00
Apr. 6	Washington Gas-light Co.....	33,448	125 00
Apr. 13	A. Hart, (agt).....	33,626 pt.	36 18
Apr. 13	F. F. Robinson.....	33,693	80 75
Apr. 13	Warren Choate & Co.....	33,699	50 00
Apr. 13	Samuel Emery.....	33,701 pt.	7 00
Apr. 13	J. W. McKnight & Co.....	33,702 pt.	81 42
Apr. 13	W. W. Rapley.....	33,703 pt.	480 60
Apr. 15	Ellen Bailly.....	33,705	158 92
Apr. 15	Chas. Davis.....	33,707	24 50
Apr. 15	Ephraim Davis.....	33,708	3 50
Apr. 15	C. Linderman.....	33,709	53 75
Apr. 15	John Barry.....	33,711 pt.	50 00
Apr. 15	W. W. Farr.....	33,712	5 00
Apr. 15	Martha Williams.....	33,713	23 10
Apr. 15	Joseph McGill.....	33,714	15 67
Apr. 15	Chas. Miner.....	33,715	3 50
Apr. 15	John F. Ellis & Co.....	33,718	6 75
Apr. 15	J. Butler.....	33,719	5 00
Apr. 15	H. Beckett.....	33,720	50 00
Apr. 15	Jos. L. Savage.....	33,721 pt.	3 50
Apr. 15	Robt. Boyd.....	33,724	7 50
Apr. 17	Wm. Ballantyne.....	33,725 pt.	7 80
Apr. 17	W. H. Harrover.....	33,728 pt.	3 50
Apr. 17	Geo. Willner.....	33,731	433 23
Apr. 18	N. B. Fugitt.....	33,732	67 20
Apr. 18	National Republican.....	33,734 pt.	19 25
Apr. 19	Ann S. Parker.....	33,735 pt.	79 91
Apr. 24	Z. D. Gilman.....	33,738	21 72
Apr. 24	B. D. Gallagher.....	33,780 pt.	50 00
Apr. 25	Jos. L. Savage.....	33,795	5 32
Apr. 25	Pay-roll (part).....	33,804 pt.	39 99
Apr. 27	Jas. G. Naylor.....	33,883-34,086	69
May 9	Washington Gas-light Co.....	34,267	13,859 15
May 11	R. Beresford.....	34,972 pt.	3,066 00
May 11	F. I. Roberson.....	34,983 pt.	67 75
May 11	Wm. Reapsomer.....	34,984	34 40
May 11	D. Luther.....	34,987	2 50
May 11	M. C. Huddleston.....	34,988	2 80
May 11	D. A. Berry.....	34,989	3 00
May 11	E. Z. Steever.....	34,990	13 08
May 11	W. W. Farr.....	34,994	3 00
May 11		34,997	16 50
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1876.			
May 11	McGill & Witherow.....	34,999	\$4 00
May 11	Odorless Excavating.....	35,003 pt.	213 00
May 11	J. W. McKnight & Co.....	35,004	57 50
May 11	N. B. Fugitt.....	35,006	188 68
May 11	Sam'l Emery.....	35,008 pt.	292 52
May 11	Sam'l Emery.....	35,011 pt.	539 69
May 12	Wm. Ballantyne.....	35,013 pt.	56 25
May 13	Chas. Davis.....	35,014	62 50
May 13	Russell Stone.....	35,015 pt.	56 25
May 13	Horatio Beckett.....	35,016	62 50
May 13	Charles Lindenman.....	35,017	10 00
May 13	S. S. Stearns.....	35,021	10 00
May 13	C. H. Parker.....	35,023 pt.	38 35
May 13	Gray & Noyes.....	35,024 pt.	18 79
May 13	E. H. Gilman.....	35,032	30 75
May 13	B. D. Gallagher.....	35,045	48 75
May 16	E. Davis.....	35,057	142 68
May 18	W. H. Harrover... ..	35,657-35,860	13,839 02
May 29	Pay-rolls.....	35,976	49 12
May 29	Jos. L. Savage.....	36,300	79 00
May 31	Robinson Bros. & Co.....	36,303	40 95
May 31	Washington Gas-light Co.....	36,410 pt.	96 90
June 15	R. Beresford.....	36,411 pt.	20 00
June 15	C. I. Klakring.....	36,414 pt.	10 23
June 15	Sam'l Emery.....	36,415 pt.	81 94
June 15	Jos. L. Savage.....	36,422 pt.	26 00
June 17	McGill & Witherow.....	36,423	60 00
June 17	C. Schaeffer, trustee.....	36,425 pt.	49 00
June 17	Odorless Excavating Co.....	36,426	3 00
June 17	W. W. Rapley.....	36,428	100 00
June 17	Henry Walter, treas.....	36,429	150 00
June 17	S. S. Stearns.....	36,430	500 00
June 17	J. W. Barker.....	36,431	125 00
June 17	Naval Lodge No. 4, F. and A. M....	36,433	125 00
June 17	J. T. Given, treas.....	36,434	60 00
June 17	Lutheran Chapel.. ..	36,435	125 00
June 17	C. J. Prentiss.....	36,436	250 00
June 17	Rev. Chas. I. White.....	36,437	120 00
June 17	Memorial Parish.....	36,439	250 00
June 17	J. R. Riggles, treas.....	36,440	250 00
June 17	W. R. Hooper, treas.....	36,441	60 00
June 17	R. S. Parks.....	36,443 pt.	75 00
June 17	C. B. Church & Co.....	36,445	300 00
June 17	J. C. McKelden.....	36,446	425 00
June 17	Noble D. Larner.....	36,447	425 00
June 17	Geo. F. Gulick.....	36,448	75 00
June 17	Wm. Durr.....	36,449	200 00
June 17	Bright & Humphrey... ..		

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Date.	Name.	No of warrant.	Amount.
1876.			
June 17	Jas. Y. Davis' Sons.....		
June 17	Mary Cameron.....	36,450	
June 17	Geo. W. Cissell.....	36,451	\$90 00
June 17	F. F. Roberson.....	36,452	120 00
June 17	A. S. Pratt.....	36,453	250 00
June 17	E. Z. Steever.....	36,454	3 50
June 17	R. Hofer.....	36,455	50 00
June 17	Lizzie Green.....	36,456	10 40
June 17	W. W. Farr.....	36,457	12 10
June 17	T. C. Basshor & Co.....	36,458	2 00
June 17	Virginia Griffith.....	36,459	4 17
June 17	N. B. Fugitt.....	36,461	6 00
June 19	Chas. Davis.....	36,464	3 90
June 19	Wall & Robinson.....	36,468	176 20
June 19	Mrs. E. H. Gilman.....	36,469	70 00
June 19	Rob't Boyd.....	36,471	4 80
June 19	Chas. Linderman.....	36,472 pt.	9 54
June 19	Russell Stone.....	36,474	7 37
June 19	Walter Daniels.....	36,475	71 25
June 19	Henry Donch.....	36,476	70 00
June 19	H. Beckett.....	36,477	56 50
June 19	Wm. Ballantyne.....	36,478	33 00
June 19	Ephraim Davis.....	36,479 pt.	70 00
June 19	Wm. Wilson.....	36,481	259 80
June 19	Pay-roll (part).....	36,486	7 50
June 19	T. A. Newman.....	36,490-36,658	8 00
June 20	G. H. Paddon.....	36,659	13,045 00
June 20	Daniel Luther.....	36,654	25 00
June 20	John A. Gray.....	36,655	80 00
June 20	Schwing & Clark.....	36,656	13 50
June 20	G. Y. AtLee.....	36,666	12 00
June 20	Wm. Rothwell.....	36,667	8 35
June 20	Geo. E. Kirk.....	36,672	55 00
June 20	Pay-rolls, janitors.....	36,673	76 75
June 20	Independent Ice Co.....	36,674	27 38
June 20	Washington Gas-light Co.....	37,059-37,092	743 90
June 30	Wm Ballantyne.....	37,703	1 62
June 30		37,726	31 50
June 30		37,756	68 64
Total amt. warr'ts issued during fiscal year ended June 30, 1876			224,370 15

STATEMENT OF WARRANTS issued by the Comptroller of the District of Columbia, on account of the Public Schools of Georgetown, from July 1, 1875, to June 30, 1876.

Date.	Name.	No. of warrant.	Amount.
1875.			
July 6	Hall & Hume.....	20,446 pt.	\$333
July 10	John A. Baker.....	20,522 pt.	184 00
July 16	Wm. T. Burdette.....	20,567	13 00
July 16	Wm. Ballantyne.....	20,571 pt.	4 58
July 16	Wm. Ballantyne.....	20,580	135 00
July 16	R. Brace, treas.....	20,587 pt.	6 49
July 16	Warren Choate & Co.....	20,597 pt.	9 00
July 16	Odorless Excavating Co.....	20,603 pt.	9 81
July 16	McGill & Witherow.....	20,614 pt.	21 85
July 17	D. W. Flynn, supt.....	20,615	104 80
July 17	Thomas K. Wallace.....	20,629 pt.	5 00
July 17	C. B. Graham.....	20,691 pt.	22 40
July 24	C. C. Wilson.....	20,791-20,795	103 33
July 26	Pay-roll, janitors.....	21,778 pt.	50 20
Aug. 17	Samuel Cross, sec'y.....	22,137-22,141	103 34
Aug. 28	Pay-roll, Janitors.....	22,642 pt.	20 72
Sept. 4	McGill & Witherow.....	22,648	48 75
Sept. 4	G. W. Cropley.....	22,656	11 23
Sept. 4	C. H. Demar.....	22,844	101 48
Sept. 8	Lancaster, Thompson & Co.....	22,890 pt.	34 60
Sept. 13	Wm. Ballantyne.....	22,902	150 00
Sept. 17	J. S. Beam.....	22,906 pt.	97
Sept. 17	Wm. Robinson.....	22,912	9 00
Sept. 17	H. Hudson.....	22,914 pt.	49 42
Sept. 17	Warren Choate & Co.....	22,927	23 75
Sept. 18	A. R. Shepherd & Co.....	22,931	20 00
Sept. 18	Wm. Harris.....	22,934	18 00
Sept. 18	D. Shanahan.....	22,936	2 50
Sept. 18	C. Reichenbach.....	22,937	273 57
Sept. 18	Young & Keenan.....	22,940	220 00
Sept. 18	H. L. Gettier.....	22,944	118 70
Sept. 20	W. Mendenhall.....	22,947	3 75
Sept. 20	B. I. Janney.....	22,951	11 75
Sept. 20	J. S. Mastin.....	23,330-23,351	1,378 50
Sept. 29	Pay-roll.....	23,467	1,000 00
Sept. 29	Josiah Dent, pres't.....	23,487-23,684	50 00
Sept. 30	Pay-roll.....	24,151 pt.	1 44
Oct. 5	Hall & Hume.....	24,204 pt.	1 67
Oct. 8	National Republican.....	24,506	235 64
Oct. 15	A. R. Shepherd & Co.....	24,556	15 00
Oct. 16	Mrs. Frizzell.....		

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Date.	Name.	No. of warrant.	Amount.
1875.			
Oct. 16	Wm. Harris.....	24,557	
Oct. 16	Samuel Emery.....	24,566 pt.	\$20 00
Oct. 16	Z. D. Gilman.....	24,572 pt.	865 80
Oct. 16	Joseph L. Savage.....	24,573 pt.	3 60
Oct. 16	Wall & Robinson.....	24,574 pt.	71 63
Oct. 18	Jas. B. Dodson.....	24,599	5 00
Oct. 18	McGill & Witherow.....	24,602 pt.	369 31
Oct. 18	Warren Choate & Co.....	24,603 pt.	4 41
Oct. 18	Jane Sherwood.....	24,608	57 64
Oct. 26	Wm. Ballantyne.....	24,723 pt.	10 00
Oct. 30	Pay-roll.....	25,279-25,301	298 21
Oct. 30	Pay-roll, (pt.).....	25,302-25,467	1,438 33
Nov. 1	Anna M. Janney.....	25,615	75 00
Nov. 8	N. B. Fugitt.....	25,866 pt.	34 83
Nov. 8	Z. D. Gilman.....	25,870 pt.	19 66
Nov. 8	Robert Boyd.....	25,872 pt.	3 00
Nov. 12	National Republican Job Office.....	26,174 pt.	5 80
Nov. 13	Young & Keenan.....	26,176	24 21
Nov. 13	J. S. Beam.....	26,180	94 70
Nov. 15	L. H. Schneider.....	26,190	68 00
Nov. 15	F. Miller.....	26,195 pt.	2 00
Nov. 15	John A. Baker.....	26,214 pt.	16 60
Nov. 16	Wm. Ballantyne.....	26,274 pt.	27 75
Nov. 17	Samuel Emery.....	26,278 pt.	150 66
Nov. 20	W. McLean.....	26,524 pt.	77 80
Nov. 23	J. B. Moore.....	26,844 pt.	5 43
Nov. 23	Pay-roll, (pt.).....	26,853-27,055	3 20
Nov. 23	Pay-roll.....	27,213-27,235	75 00
Nov. 16	G. Y. AtLee.....	27,775	1,438 34
Nov. 16	Ringwalt, Hack & Miller.....	27,781 pt.	5 00
Nov. 16	Joseph L. Savage.....	27,782 pt.	50
Dec. 16	G. W. Moore.....	27,812	3 87
Dec. 16	H. C. Spencer.....	27,820 pt.	10 00
Dec. 16	Odorless Excavating Co.....	27,827 pt.	70 00
Dec. 17	McGill & Witherow.....	27,830 pt.	7 00
Dec. 17	Rice Bros.....	27,831 pt.	3 10
Dec. 17	J. Ramsburg.....	27,833 pt.	3 00
Dec. 17	H. W. Hinkle.....	27,838 pt.	10 27
Dec. 17	C. C. Mastin.....	27,841	24 00
Dec. 17	Memmert & Korff.....	27,847	10 75
Dec. 17	McGill & Witherow.....	27,855 pt.	22 75
Dec. 20	Pay-roll, (pt.).....	27,897-28,102	142 86
Dec. 20	Pay-roll.....	28,103-28,125	75 00
Dec. 30	Josiah Dent, presid't.....	28,992	1,438 34
			800 00

Statement of warrants, &c.—Continued.

Date.	Name.	No. of warrant.	Amount.
1876.			
Jan. 12	Republican Book and Job Office.....	29,414 pt.	\$6 07
Jan. 13	John A. Baker.....	29,422 pt.	8 54
Jan. 13	S. B. Swann & Co.....	29,425	1 25
Jan. 13	A. V. Grimes, agt.....	29,429	220 67
Jan. 13	Wm. Harris.....	29,435	40 00
Jan. 13	M. McIntyre.....	29,436	8 50
Jan. 13	Hall & Hume.....	29,440 pt.	1 08
Jan. 13	Wm. Ballantyne.....	29,458 pt.	102 12
Jan. 13	N. B. Fugitt.....	29,486 pt.	39 36
Jan. 27	Pay-roll, (pt.).....	29,669-29,874	75 00
Jan. 27	Pay-roll.....	29,926-29,948	1,438 33
Feb. 11	R. Beresford.....	30,904 pt.	13 18
Feb. 11	N. B. Fugitt.....	30,906 pt.	17 50
Feb. 11	Wm. J. Murtagh.....	30,908 pt.	4 00
Feb. 11	Samuel Emery.....	30,942 pt.	27 25
Feb. 12	L. H. Schneider.....	30,958 pt.	7 10
Feb. 12	Alex. Tenant.....	30,964	44 95
Feb. 12	F. Miller.....	30,972 pt.	17 34
Feb. 15	Wm. Ballantyne.....	30,986 pt.	67 71
Feb. 26	Pay-roll, (pt.).....	31,235-31,440	75 00
Feb. 26	Pay-rolls.....	31,596-31,618	1,438 34
Mar. 15	Samuel Emery.....	32,306 pt.	14 00
Mar. 16	Jos. L. Savage.....	32,308 pt.	8 70
Mar. 17	N. B. Fugitt.....	32,314 pt.	57 09
Mar. 17	E. Davis.....	32,315 pt.	7 50
Mar. 17	Chas. Davis.....	32,316 pt.	8 75
Mar. 17	Jos. L. Savage.....	32,320	47 00
Mar. 18	Wm. Ballantyne.....	32,323 pt.	50 72
Mar. 18	W. W. Farr.....	32,327 pt.	4 50
Mar. 18	M. McIntyre.....	32,340	7 00
Mar. 18	J. W. Coon.....	32,342	3 80
Mar. 24	Pay-roll, (pt.).....	32,399-32,602	75 00
Mar. 24	Pay-roll.....	32,654-32,676	1,438 33
Apr. 4	Linthicum Institute, (per J. Dent)...	33,331	800 00
Apr. 13	Warren Choate & Co.....	33,701 pt.	13 00
Apr. 13	Samuel Emery.....	33,702 pt.	111 52
Apr. 13	J. W. McKnight & Co.....	33,703 pt.	60 95
Apr. 15	C. Linderman.....	33,711 pt.	7 50
Apr. 15	H. Beckett.....	33,721 pt.	7 50
Apr. 15	Jos. L. Savage.....	33,724 pt.	3 37
Apr. 17	Wm. Ballantyne.....	33,728 pt.	30 44
Apr. 18	N. B. Fugitt.....	33,734 pt.	18 66
Apr. 18	National Republican.....	33,735 pt.	5 43
Apr. 25	Pay-roll.....	33,858-33,881	1,438 33
Apr. 25	Pay-roll, (pt.).....	33,883-34,086	75 00
May 11	R. Beresford.....	34,983 pt.	8 60
May 11	Samuel Emery.....	35,008 pt.	160 75

Statement of warrants, &c.—Continued.

Date.	Name.	No. of warrant.	Amount.
1876.			
May 12	Wm. Ballantyne.....	35,011	\$14 71
May 13	Chas. Davis.....	35,013 pt.	6 25
May 13	Horatio Beckett.....	35,015 pt.	6 25
May 13	Gray & Noyes.....	35,023 pt.	32 40
May 13	G. E. Kirk.....	35,025	52 00
May 29	Pay-roll.....	35,583—35,605	1,438 34
May 29	Pay-roll, (pt.)	35,657—35,860	75 00
June 15	R. Beresford.....	36,410 pt.	24 25
June 15	C. J. Klakring.....	36,411 pt.	5 00
June 15	A. Hart, agt.....	36,413	50 00
June 17	McGill & Witherow.....	36,422 pt.	25 00
June 17	M. McIntyre	36,460	8 00
June 17	J. W. Deeble, sec'y.....	36,467	25 00
June 19	Hanson & Blackford.....	36,470	54 80
June 19	Wm. Ballantyne.....	36,479 pt.	39 95
June 19	N. P. Causin, agt.....	36,480	50 00
June 19	Pay-roll, (pt.)	36,490—36,658	75 00
June 20	Alex. Gardner.....	36,671	50 00
June 21	Pay-roll.....	36,710—36,727	1,335 00
June 27	Pay-roll, Janitors.....	37,093—37,097	103 33
June 30	Mrs. A. H. Whiting.....	37,723	11 70
June 30	Buckey & Marbury.....	37,727	55 85
Total am't warr'ts issued during fiscal year ended June 30, 1876			24,060 48

STATEMENT OF WARRANTS issued by the Comptroller of the District of Columbia, on account of the Public Colored Schools of Washington and Georgetown, from July 1, 1875, to June 30, 1876.

Date.	Name.	No. of warrant.	Amount.
1875.			
July 12	Washington Gas-light Co.....	20,530 pt.	\$7 00
July 16	M. G. Copeland.....	20,565	13 00
July 16	Samuel Lewis.....	20,568 pt.	82 45
July 16	J. W. Boteler & Bro.....	20,570	14 00
July 16	Wm. Ballantyne.....	20,571 pt.	26 20
July 16	C. B. Church & Co.....	20,572 pt.	60 00
July 16	Geo. H. Brooks.....	20,573	60 00
July 16	W. J. Rhees.....	20,574	250 00
July 16	O. C. Wight & H. J. Frost.....	20,575	75 00
July 16	J. L. Matthews.....	20,583	10 00✓
July 16	John H. Brooks.....	20,584	25 00
July 16	Walter Jackson.....	20,596	10 00✓
July 16	Odorless Excavating Co.....	20,597 pt.	52 00
July 16	J. McGrundy.....	20,600	5 00✓
July 17	Cornelius Clark.....	20,608	15 00
July 17	D. W. Flynn, supt.....	20,614 pt.	21 85
July 17	Wm. Clayton & Co.....	20,622	94 60✓
July 19	C. B. Graham.....	20,629 pt.	28 33
July 26	Pay-roll, janitors.....	20,796-20,805	530 00
July 27	Kate Moten.....	20,900	9 50
Aug. 6	Washington Gas-light Co.....	21,677 pt.	1 25
Aug. 16	H. I. Gregory.....	21,765 pt.	26 95
Aug. 16	W. E. Spalding & Son.....	21,773 pt.	198 58✓
Aug. 31	Pay-roll, Janitors.....	22,431-22,440	550 00
Sept. 3	W. E. Spalding & Son.....	22,636 pt.	295 25✓
Sept. 4	H. L. Gettier.....	22,637 pt.	510 00✓
Sept. 4	McGill & Witherow.....	22,642 pt.	35 96
Sept. 6	H. L. Gettier.....	22,795	125 00✓
Sept. 6	W. H. Wingate.....	22,804	15 75✓
Sept. 6	W. E. Spalding & Son.....	22,806	100 00✓
Sept. 6	Young & Keenan.....	22,811	187 00
Sept. 13	Wm. Ballantyne.....	22,890 pt.	117 05
Sept. 17	Wm. Robinson.....	22,906 pt.	98
Sept. 17	J. H. Brown.....	22,909	1,195 00✓
Sept. 17	Wm. Ballantyne.....	22,915	148 00
Sept. 17	J. B. Moore.....	22,918	36 00
Sept. 17	Walter Jackson.....	22,920	513 42✓
Sept. 17	H. Warren.....	22,921	418 05✓
Sept. 17	Thomas A. Watson.....	22,923	91 00✓
Sept. 18	Schooler & Branson.....	22,924	240 00

Statement of warrants, &c.—Continued.

Date.	Name.	No. of warrant.	Amount.
1875.			
Sept. 18	Wm. Schooler.....	22,926	
Sept. 18	F. Schneider & Son.....	22,930	\$323 33
Sept. 18	Otto Branson & Co.....	22,938	330 61
Sept. 18	Jas. McGrundy.....	22,941	165 00
Sept. 20	H. A. Jackson.....	22,950	74 00✓
Sept. 20	Warren Choate & Co.....	22,952	59 00✓
Sept. 28	Washington Gas-light Co.....	23,190 pt.	269 35
Sept. 29	Pay-roll.....	23,367-23,466	5 00
Oct. 11	Washington Gas-light Co.....	24,219 pt.	6,875 00
Oct. 15	Wm. J. Rhees.....	24,525	7 25
Oct. 15	O. C. Wight & H. J. Frost.....	24,526	233 32
Oct. 15	C. B. Church & Co.....	24,527	75 00
Oct. 15	G. H. Brooks.....	24,528	60 00
Oct. 16	A. Hahl & Co.....	24,535 pt.	55 00
Oct. 16	J. L. Matthews.....	24,538	60 00✓
Oct. 16	J. J. Cooper.....	24,545	26 11✓
Oct. 16	J. S. Brent.....	24,546	19 88✓
Oct. 16	J. R. Riggles.....	24,548	20 00
Oct. 16	A. Schneider.....	24,564	12 50
Oct. 16	Sam'l Emery.....	24,566 pt.	25 40
Oct. 16	Walter Jackson.....	24,571	2,092 75
Oct. 16	A. Schneider.....	24,575	42 00✓
Oct. 18	R. Brace.....	24,577	280 00
Oct. 18	J. Thomas.....	24,582	5 35
Oct. 18	H. Stevenson.....	24,601	2 00
Oct. 18	McGill & Witherow.....	24,602 pt.	6 00
Oct. 18	J. H. Mead.....	24,605	3 21
Oct. 18	Wm. Schooler.....	24,606	30 00
Oct. 18	Thos. A. Watson.....	24,607	35 00✓
Oct. 18	J. Esputa.....	24,609	39 00✓
Oct. 20	Noble D. Larner, sec'y.....	24,624	105 00
Oct. 22	Sam'l Cross, sec'y.....	24,633	53 75
Oct. 22	H. Clay Stewart.....	24,640	33 75
Oct. 26	Wm. Ballantyne.....	24,723 pt.	263 67
Oct. 30	Pay-roll.....	25,468-25,567	715 83
Nov. 8	Washington Gas-light Co.....	25,879 pt.	6,907 00
Nov. 12	Nat'l Republican Job Office.....	26,174 pt.	13 00
Nov. 15	Jno. A. Baker.....	26,214 pt.	24 21
Nov. 17	Warren Choate.....	26,276	16 50
Nov. 17	Sam'l Emery.....	26,278 pt.	283 10
Nov. 23	Pay-roll.....	27,061-27,161	27 00
Nov. 27	Washington Gas-light Co.....	27,254 pt.	6,881 00
Dec. 7	A. Hart, agt.....	27,726 pt.	18 75
Dec. 16	Schooler & Branson.....	27,779	130 00
Dec. 16	Meehan & Talvey.....	27,789	565 67
Dec. 16	A. Bouldin, agt.....	27,790	81 62
Dec. 16	W. Jackson.....	27,822	80 00
			26 00✓

Statement of warrants, &c.—Continued.

Date.	Name.	No. of warrant.	Amount.
1875.			
Dec. 16	P. Goines.....	27,825	\$30 25✓
Dec. 16	Odorless Excavating Co.....	27,827	1 15 00
Dec. 17	J. L. Matthews.....	27,846	3 70
Dec. 17	McGill & Witherow.....	27,855 pt.	142 85
Dec. 20	Pay-roll.....	28,177-28,278	6,964 00
Dec. 22	George H. Brooks.....	28,615	45 00
Dec. 24	N. D. Larner, secretary.....	28,929	12 00
Dec. 27	O. C. Wight & H. J. Frost.....	28,958	75 00
Dec. 27	W. J. Rhees.....	28,959	200 00
Dec. 27	C. B. Church & Co.....	28,961 pt.	60 00
1876.			
Jan. 7	Washington Gas-light Co.....	29,370 pt.	41 75
Jan. 12	Samuel Emery.....	29,407 pt.	606 00
Jan. 12	Republican Book and Job Office.....	29,414 pt.	6 07
Jan. 13	J. W. McKnight & Co.....	29,429 pt.	72 00
Jan. 13	John A. Baker.....	29,422 pt.	38 30
Jan. 13	H. O. Towles.....	29,432	125 00
Jan. 13	J. H. Ferguson.....	29,433	2 25
Jan. 13	W. W. Farr.....	29,437 pt.	8 00✓
Jan. 13	C. A. Krause.....	29,449	8 70
Jan. 13	Wm. Ballantyne.....	29,458	482 64
Jan. 14	Samuel Cross, secretary.....	29,480 pt.	35 00
Jan. 27	Pay-roll.....	29,949-30,050	6,961 00
Feb. 9	Jos. L. Savage.....	30,890 pt.	7 55
Feb. 10	J. S. Brent.....	30,897	19 00
Feb. 11	Wm. J. Murtagh.....	30,908 pt.	4 00
Feb. 11	Wheatley Bros.....	30,916	18 83
Feb. 11	Wm. Schooler.....	30,917	7 00
Feb. 11	J. Dixon.....	30,920	3 50
Feb. 11	Walter Jackson.....	30,922	54 57✓
Feb. 11	N. D. Larner, secretary.....	30,935	30 00
Feb. 11	Thomas A. Watson.....	30,937	4 00✓
Feb. 11	J. R. Riggles.....	30,938	20 15
Feb. 11	Samuel Emery.....	30,942 pt.	32 25
Feb. 12	P. Goines.....	30,952	51 70✓
Feb. 12	Washington Gas-light Co.....	30,955 pt.	38 75
Feb. 12	Wm. McLean.....	30,962	24 64
Feb. 12	F. Schneider & Son.....	30,963	82 28
Feb. 11	F. Mohun & Son.....	30,966	18 62
Feb. 12	J. M. Grundy.....	30,971	8 70✓
Feb. 15	Wm. Ballantyne.....	30,986 pt.	75 81
Feb. 26	Pay-rolls.....	31,493-31,594	6,959 00
Mar. 15	Samuel Emery.....	32,306 pt.	35 50
Mar. 16	Jos. L. Savage.....	32,308 pt.	45 15
Mar. 17	Walter Jackson.....	32,313	815 00
Mar. 18	Wm Ballantyne.....	32,323 pt.	202 27

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Statement of warrants, &c.—Continued.

Date.	Name.	No. of warrant.	Amount.
1876.			
Mar. 18	McGill & Witherow.....	32,330 pt.	\$37 25
Mar. 18	G. Taylor.....	32,336	4 00
Mar. 20	Samuel Cross.....	32,357	90 00
Mar. 21	Washington Gas-light Co.....	32,363 pt.	22 50
Mar. 24	Thomas M. Plowman.....	32,678	370 00
Mar. 25	Pay-rolls.....	32,680-32,781	6,951 00
Mar. 27	National Republican.....	32,827	12 75
Mar. 30	Wight & Frost.....	33,019	55 00
Mar. 30	Geo. H. Brooks.....	33,022	45 00
Mar. 30	W. J. Rhees.....	33,023	200 00
Mar. 30	A. Boldin, agent.....	33,024	80 00
Mar. 30	C. B. Church & Co.....	33,026	60 00
Apr. 5	Daily Critic.....	33,442	5 00
Apr. 5	Chronicle Publishing Co.....	33,463	15 00
Apr. 6	Washington Journal.....	33,620	9 00
Apr. 6	Washington Gas-light Co.....	33,626	17 75
Apr. 13	Warren Choate & Co.....	33,701 pt.	17 99
Apr. 13	Samuel Emery.....	33,702 pt.	177 25
Apr. 13	J. L. Matthews.....	33,704	8 00 ✓
Apr. 15	P. Goines.....	33,710	11 00 ✓
Apr. 15	J. H. Brown.....	33,717	150 00 ✓
Apr. 15	Robert Boyd.....	33,725 pt.	6 00 ✓
Apr. 17	Wm. Ballantyne.....	33,728 pt.	34 10
Apr. 18	National Republican.....	33,735 pt.	4 42
Apr. 21	Thomas M. Plowman.....	33,749	142 50
Apr. 25	Pay-roll.....	34,087-34,188	6,951 00
May 6	Wm. Sayres.....	5,927	150 00 ✓
May 9	Washington Gas-light Co.....	34,972 pt.	3 50
May 11	R. Beresford.....	34,983 pt.	14 82
May 11	J. Thomas.....	34,985	2 98
May 11	Geo. Matthews.....	34,986	5 50
May 11	John H. Brooks.....	34,991	18 75
May 11	Odorless Excavating Co.....	35,003 pt.	143 00
May 11	Samuel Emery.....	35,008 pt.	124 88
May 11	Samuel Emery.....	35,011 pt.	640 14
May 12	Wm. Ballantyne.....	35,028	29 16 ✓
May 13	J. Cooper.....	35,031	15 00 ✓
May 13	H. Jackson.....	35,042 pt.	6 50
May 16	Warren Choate & Co.....	35,053	9 00
May 17	Evening Star.....	35,567	4,000 00
May 27	Jos. Williams.....	35,861-35,963	6,973 73
May 29	Pay-rolls.....	36,303	1 35
May 31	Washington Gas-light Co.....	36,377	2,000 00
June 9	Jos. Williams.....	36,410 pt.	55 50
June 15	R. Beresford.....	36,414 pt.	21 75
June 15	Samuel Emery.....	36,415 pt.	18 80
June 15	Jos. L. Savage.....	36,416	6 00
June 17	Wm. Y. AtLee.....		

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Statement of warrants, &c.—Continued.

Date.	Name.	No. of warrant.	Amount.
1876.			
June 17	J. D. Baltimore.....	36,417	\$5 70 ✓
June 17	A. Bouldin, agent.....	36,418	80 00
June 17	McGill & Witherow.....	36,422 pt	11 25
June 17	Odorless Excavating Co.....	36,425 pt.	37 00
June 17	J. S. Brent.....	36,427	13 00
June 17	Wm. J. Rhees.....	36,432	200 00
June 17	O. C. Wight & H. J. Frost.....	36,442	75 00
June 17	C. B. Church & Co.....	36,443 pt.	60 00
June 17	Geo. H. Brooks.....	36,444	45 00
June 19	Wm. Ballantyne.....	36,479 pt.	54 67
June 19	Jos. Williams	36,484	2,000 00
June 21	Pay-rolls.....	36,728-36,818	6,395 00
June 22	Geo. Matthews.....	36,824	4 00
June 23	Thos. M. Plowman.....	36,827	307 50
June 24	Jos. Williams.....	36,865	2,000 00
June 27	Pay-rolls, Janitors.....	37,116-37,126	556 00
June 30	Jos. Williams.....	37,714	2,000 00
June 30	Washington Gas-light Co.....	37,726 pt.	7 43
Total amt. war'ts issued during fical year ended June 30, 1876			101,842 88

STATEMENT OF WARRANTS *issued by the Comptroller of the District of Columbia, on account of the Public Schools of Washington County, from July 1, 1875, to June 30, 1876.*

Date.	Name.	No. of warrant.	Amount.
1875.			
July 13	Robert Boyd.....	20,535	\$ 25
July 16	Chas. Goff.....	20,569	8 00
July 16	Wm. Ballantyne.....	20,571	15
July 16	Henry S. Petty	20,581	11 75
July 16	Selby B. Seaggs.....	20,582	24 00
July 16	Warren Choate & Co.....	20,587 pt.	6 95
July 16	Odorless Excavating Co....	20,597 pt.	14 00
July 16	McGill & Witherow.....	20,603 pt.	5 16
July 17	D. W. Flynn, supt.....	20,614 pt.	21 85
July 19	C. B. Graham.....	20,629 pt.	6 67
July 19	R. B. Griffin.....	20,632	76 20
July 24	C. C. Wilson.....	20,691 pt.	30 80
Aug. 9	N. D. Larnier, sec'y.....	21,725 pt.	70 01
Aug. 16	T. F. Miller.....	21,771	300 00
Aug. 17	Samuel Cross, sec'y.....	21,778 pt.	194 02
Aug. 19	J. J. Bogue, agt.....	21,792	69 99
Aug. 30	Thos. Commodore.....	22,424	3 63
Sept. 4	Theo. F. Miller.....	22,640	20 00
Sept. 4	Young & Keenan.....	22,641	245 00
Sept. 4	McGill & Witherow.....	22,642 pt.	20 71
Sept. 4	F. C. Lugenbell.....	22,644	33 00
Sept. 4	R. A. Frere.....	22,645	160 00
Sept. 4	R. A. Frere.....	22,646	80 00
Sept. 4	P. J. Pierce.....	22,647	67 00
Sept. 4	J. S. Beam.....	22,649	324 00
Sept. 4	A. H. Farris.....	22,654	33 00
Sept. 4	Theo. F. Miller.....	22,661	300 00
Sept. 6	Samuel Striver.....	22,793	30 00
Sept. 6	T. S. Webster.....	22,799	42 50
Sept. 6	Wm. Gant.....	22,800	8 00
Sept. 6	J. O. Buckner.....	22,801	8 00
Sept. 6	J. S. Thompson.....	22,802	20 00
Sept. 6	R. A. Frere.....	22,810	55 00
Sept. 6	Chas. Addison.....	22,812	8 00
Sept. 13	Wm. Ballantyne.....	22,890 pt.	281 50
Sept. 17	Wm. Robinson.....	22,906 pt.	97
Sept. 18	W. Mendenhall.....	22,935	200 00
Sept. 20	R. A. Frere.....	22,945	50 00
Sept. 20	J. Hayes.....	22,948	10 10
Sept. 20	Wm. Hurley.....	22,949	19 02

Statement of warrants, &c.—Continued.

Date.	Name.	No. of warrant.	Amount.
1875.			
Sept. 29	Pay-roll.....	23,279-23,329	\$2,745 00
Sept. 29	Pay-roll.....	23,352-23,366	75 95
Sept. 30	Pay-roll, (pt.).....	23,487-23,684	50 00
Oct. 5	Hall & Hume.....	24,151 pt.	1 44
Oct. 8	National Republican.....	24,204 pt.	1 67
Oct. 14	T. F. Miller.....	24,491	367 63
Oct. 16	Manuel Day.....	24,537	13 00
Oct. 16	Wesley Jackson.....	24,539	3 00
Oct. 16	Robert F. Martin.....	24,541	23 00
Oct. 16	J. H. Burgess.....	24,542	25 00
Oct. 16	R. Pratt.....	24,543	6 00
Oct. 16	R. H. Cooper.....	24,544	18 00
Oct. 16	I. P. Libbey.....	24,549	4 50
Oct. 16	Kidwell & Henderson.....	24,550	14 00
Oct. 16	Theo. F. Miller.....	24,551	45 00
Oct. 16	J. McGill.....	24,552	8 00
Oct. 16	W. T. Burdette.....	24,562	22 00
Oct. 16	R. A. Frere.....	24,565	350 00
Oct. 16	Samuel Emery.....	24,566 pt.	916 62
Oct. 16	H. I. Gregory.....	24,570	196 25
Oct. 16	Jos. L. Savage.....	24,573 pt.	19 30
Oct. 16	Wall & Robinson.....	24,574 pt.	18 00
Oct. 16	H. M. Lincoln.....	24,576	6 00
Oct. 18	Jno. Edmunds.....	24,578	12 00
Oct. 18	Wm. Edwards.....	24,579	3 00
Oct. 18	Thos. Commodore.....	24,580	6 25
Oct. 18	J. T. Campbell.....	24,586	39 25
Oct. 18	F. C. Lugenbell.....	24,590	19 50
Oct. 18	McGill & Witherow.....	24,602 pt.	3 26
Oct. 18	Warren Choate & Co.....	24,603 pt.	25 83
Oct. 18	H. I. Gregory.....	24,610	101 00
Oct. 18	R. B. Griffin.....	24,623	97 37
Oct. 26	Wm. Ballantyne.....	24,723 pt.	943 08
Oct. 30	Pay-roll.....	25,228-25,278	2,745 00
Oct. 30	Pay-roll, (pt.).....	25,302-25,467	75 00
Nov. 5	A. Hart, Agent.....	25,820 pt.	11 04
Nov. 8	Robert Boyd.....	25,872 pt.	6 12
Nov. 9	J. W. McKnight.....	25,886 pt.	99 00
Nov. 12	National Republican Job Office.....	26,174 pt.	24 21
Nov. 13	Theo. F. Miller.....	26,177	181 75
Nov. 13	Richard Frere.....	26,178	230 00
Nov. 15	Aaron Lee.....	26,188	6 00
Nov. 15	Wm. M. Middleton.....	26,194	49 52
Nov. 15	John A. Baker.....	26,214 pt.	6 67
Nov. 16	Wm. Ballantyne.....	26,274 pt.	170 03
Nov. 17	Samuel Emery.....	26,278 pt.	13 80
Nov. 23	Pay-roll.....	26,853-27,055	75 00

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Date.	Name.	No. of warrant.	Amount.
1875.			
Nov. 23	Pay-roll.....	27,162-27,212	\$2,745 00
Nov. 27	C. L. Clark.....	27,249	217 92
Dec. 7	A. Hart, agt.....	27,726 pt.	18 00
Dec. 16	Samuel Emery.....	27,777	8 00
Dec. 16	H. I. Gregory.....	27,780	158 00
Dec. 16	Ringwalt, Hack & Miller.....	27,781 pt.	50
Dec. 16	Jos. L. Savage.....	27,782 pt.	7 31
Dec. 16	A. Lee.....	27,813	4 00
Dec. 16	Geo. Martin.....	27,814	11 50
Dec. 16	F. C. Lugenbel.....	27,818	6 50
Dec. 16	W. T. Gardner.....	27,823	12 50
Dec. 16	I. P. Libbey.....	27,824	1 50
Dec. 16	Odorless Excavating Co.....	27,827 pt.	8 00
Dec. 17	D. Webster.....	27,828	3 00
Dec. 17	W. M. Middleton.....	27,853	65 00
Dec. 17	Wm. Nottingham.....	27,854	392 31
Dec. 17	McGill & Witherow.....	27,855 pt.	142 85
Dec. 20	Pay-roll, (pt.).....	27,897-28,102	75 00
Dec. 20	Pay-roll.....	28,126-28,176	2,745 00
1876.			
Jan. 12	Samuel Emery.....	29,407 pt.	55 20
Jan. 12	H. I. Gregory.....	29,409	31 50
Jan. 12	Republican Book and Job Office.....	29,414 pt.	6 07
Jan. 13	J. W. McKnight & Co.....	29,419 pt.	80 50
Jan. 13	Wm. Hurley.....	29,420	19 75
Jan. 13	Wm. Hurley.....	29,421	8 14
Jan. 13	John A. Baker.....	29,422 pt.	20 29
Jan. 13	J. A. Whitcomb.....	29,428	16 00
Jan. 13	J. Morgan.....	29,430	1 50
Jan. 13	Robert Boyd.....	29,434 pt.	2 11
Jan. 13	J. Burgess.....	29,438	6 00
Jan. 13	J. A. Whitcomb.....	29,439	5 00
Jan. 13	Hall and Hume.....	29,440 pt.	1 08
Jan. 13	Jos. McGill.....	29,444	4 00
Jan. 13	R. A. Frere.....	29,448	39 00
Jan. 13	Wm. Ballantyne.....	29,458 pt.	330 51
Jan. 14	Samuel Cross, sec'y.....	29,480 pt.	12 75
Jan. 15	John B. Wilson.....	29,491	273 65
Jan. 27	Pay-roll, (pt.).....	29,460-29,874	75 00
Jan. 27	Pay-roll.....	29,875-29,925	2,745 00
Feb. 9	Jos. L. Savage.....	30,890 pt.	4 14
Feb. 11	Rob't Boyd.....	30,903 pt.	1 50
Feb. 11	Wm. J. Murtagh.....	30,908 pt.	4 00
Feb. 11	Manuel Day.....	30,921	20 00
Feb. 11	Samuel Emery.....	30,942 pt.	6 50
Feb. 12	Geo. H. Paddon.....	30,946	50 00
Feb. 12	R. B. Griffin.....	30,953	7 40
Feb. 15	Wm. Ballantyne.....	30,986 pt.	385 63

Statement of warrants, &c.—Continued.

Date.	Name.	No of warrant.	Amount.
1876.			
Feb. 26	Pay-rolls, (pt.).....	31,235-31,440	\$75 00
Feb. 26	Pay-roll.....	31,441-31,491	2,745 00
Mar. 15	Samuel Emery.....	32,306 pt.	63 75
Mar. 16	Jos. L. Savage.....	32,308 pt.	5 38
Mar. 16	W. W. Rapley.....	32,310 pt.	46 90
Mar. 18	Wm. Ballantyne.....	32,323 pt.	260 26
Mar. 18	J. Cephas.....	32,329	11 50
Mar. 18	P. L. Brooke....	32 332	26 95
Mar. 18	C. B. Smith....	32,338	6 35
Mar. 18	Wm. M. Middleton.....	32,343	20 00
Mar. 24	Pay-roll, (pt.).....	32,399-32,602	75 00
Mar. 24	Pay-roll.....	32,603-32,653	2,745 00
Apr. 1	W. W. Rapley.....	33,314	19 50
Apr. 13	Warren Choate & Co.....	33,701 pt.	18 76
Apr. 13	Samuel Emery.....	33,702 pt.	78 25
Apr. 13	J. W. McKnight & Co.....	33,703 pt.	26 66
Apr. 15	H. I. Gregory.....	33,722	2 50
Apr. 15	Robert Boyd.....	33,725 pt.	58
Apr. 17	Wm. Ballantyne.....	33,728 pt.	62 21
Apr. 18	National Republican.....	33,735 pt.	4 43
Apr. 25	Pay-roll.....	33,808-33,858	2,745 00
Apr. 25	Pay-roll, (pt.).....	33,883-34,086	75 00
May 11	M. Day.....	34,992	4 00
May 11	J. A. Whitcomb.....	34,993	4 20
May 11	Hall & Hume.....	34,998	7 40
May 11	W. W. Rapley.....	35,000	65
May 11	Wall & Robinson.....	35,001	60
May 11	Odorless Excavating Co.....	35,003 pt.	6 00
May 11	W. W. Rapley.....	35,010	33 25
May 12	Wm. Ballantyne.....	35,011 pt.	16 54
May 13	Wm. M. Middleton.....	35,022	48 90
May 13	W. W. Rapley.....	35,030	11 25
May 15	John B. Wilson.....	35,036	215 00
May 29	Pay-rolls.....	35,606-35,656	2,745 00
May 29	Pay-rolls.....	35 657-35,860	75 00
June 15	R. Beresford.....	36,410 pt.	24 25
June 15	C. J. Klaking.....	36,411 pt.	5 00
June 15	Jos. L. Savage.....	36,415 pt.	7 70
June 17	H. I. Gregory.....	36,424	5 00
June 17	Odorless Excavating Co.....	36,425 pt.	7 00
June 19	Robert Boyd.....	36,472	25
June 19	Wm. Ballantyne.....	36,479 pt.	57. 72
June 19	Pay-rolls.....	36,490-36,658	75 00
June 21	Pay-rolls.....	36,677-36,709	2,610 00
June 27	Pay-rolls, janitors.....	37,098-37,115	135 00

Total am't warr'ts issued during
fiscal year ended June 30, 1876 38,895 02

Summary of the foregoing statements.

Amount expended by warrants for Washington Public Schools,	\$224,370 15
Amount expended by warrants for Georgetown Public Schools,	24,060 48
Amount expended by warrants for Colored Public Schools, -	101,842 88
Amount expended by warrants for County Public Schools, -	38,805 02

Total amount of warrants issued for school purposes in District of Columbia, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1876, \$389,078 53

